

RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide
February 12, 2017



Extraordinary Marriage – Week #2

INTRODUCTION:

1. Pastor Paul gave a crazy stat to open his sermon this week. The average wedding currently costs \$35,000. If you're married, think back to your wedding and how much it cost. Did you think it was expensive at the time or frugal? What would you do with an extra \$35k now if you had it?

DIVE IN:

1. Many people say they simply "fall out of love". Pastor Paul shared that more likely, most couple's simply "fall out of honor". How do you think that more honor in your marriage would ultimately result in more love?
2. Do you see honor as a core competency to relational health or is it a secondary concept for you?
3. Couples, what does it look like to intentionally honor your spouse? Put some hands and feet to the concept. Singles, how do you show honor practically in your relationships?
4. Do you see having fun together as an investment in your relationship? When's the last time you actually had a time of fun and laughter together with your spouse?
5. Romans 12:10 is our core verse for the word of the year. Couples aren't supposed to be competitive with one another, but what would your relationship look like if you did all you could to out do one another in honoring each other?
6. What would you need to change this week in your behavior to try to outdo your spouse in honor? What do you start? What do you stop? How does your language change?
7. When you're with your spouse, how present are you, really? Are you physically there but emotionally or spiritually checked out? Plugged into the TV, Phone, etc...? When's the last time you had good "quality time" in a way that your spouse felt noticed?
8. How do you speak about your spouse to others? Do you build them up or tear them down? How do you think public complaining or public praising of your spouse affects your ability to honor one another?
9. It's been said that "public praise brings personal influence". How does your ability to speak truth to your spouse change when they feel like you have their back?
10. Do you take the time to figure out how your spouse understands honor or do you simply show it selfishly as you would want to receive it?

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NOW WHAT:

1. What part of this week's message has had the greatest impact on you? What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion?
2. What do you need to do with that truth this week to become a fully engaged follower of Jesus?