

RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide
February 5, 2017



Extraordinary Marriage – Week #1

INTRODUCTION:

1. As we kick off our new series, Extraordinary Marriage, take the time to share some of your relationship stories with one another. If you're married, tell the group your engagement story – how'd he pop the big question?

DIVE IN:

1. How do you define hope and expectation? What's the difference between the two?
2. Consider this – expectations are usually based in someone's behavior and actions while hopes are usually based in someone's character. How does this live out in your relationship?
3. If you're married, what expectations did you have for your spouse? If you're single, do you have a "list"?
4. How do you deal with unmet or unrealistic expectations in relationships?
5. In your relationships, how do you create and communicate realistic expectations with your spouse?
6. Where do you place your hope? God or your significant other?
7. Paul referenced Jeremiah 17 - "But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit." How do you feel like this passage applies to your relationship? If you're single, how does this help you develop a better theology and plan for future relationships?
8. When your relationship is in a season of drought or heat, how do you keep your marriage fruitful?
9. What do you and your spouse need to do to put roots down that reach deeply into Jesus?
10. What can you do practically this week in your marriage to adjust expectations and place your hope accurately?

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?