



Small Group Study Guide

Series: **SAFEHOUSE**

Sermon 5: The Attraction Connection

What Attracts You Can Eventually Attack You

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◆ INTRODUCTION

In this message, PT teaches that chemistry, attraction, and emotion are powerful, but they are not enough to sustain a healthy relationship. Strong marriages are not held together by chemistry alone, but by covenant, commitment, grace, forgiveness, patience, and intentional work. The message challenges dating couples to recognize warning signs before marriage and encourages married couples to rebuild areas that may have weakened over time.

◆ KEY SCRIPTURES

Mark 10:6–9 — *“But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.”*

Summary: Marriage is God’s design, not just a human arrangement, and what God joins should be honored and protected.

2 Corinthians 6:14 — *“Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?”*

Summary: Spiritual compatibility matters because faith shapes the direction, values, and priorities of a relationship.

Amos 3:3 — *“Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?”*

Summary: Agreement does not mean perfection, but it does mean shared direction.

Luke 16:10 — *“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.”*

Summary: Character shows up in small things before it is tested in big things.

James 1:19 — *“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.”*

Summary: Healthy communication requires listening well, speaking carefully, and controlling anger.

Proverbs 15:1 — *“A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.”*

Summary: Our tone can either calm conflict or intensify it.

Proverbs 18:13 — *“To answer before listening — that is folly and shame.”*

Summary: Listening before responding is a mark of wisdom and maturity.

Ephesians 4:29 — *“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”*

Summary: God calls us to use words that build up rather than tear down.

◆ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. PT said, **“One of the greatest mistakes people make in relationships is confusing chemistry with compatibility.”** Why do you think chemistry can be so powerful early in a relationship, and why is it not enough to sustain a marriage over time?
2. Read **Mark 10:6–9**. How does seeing marriage as something God designed and joins together change the way we approach commitment, conflict, forgiveness, and perseverance?
3. PT said, **“Agreement does not mean perfection. It means shared direction.”** Why is spiritual compatibility so important in dating and marriage? What are some ways couples can rebuild spiritual connection if it has weakened?
4. PT said, **“Dating reveals patterns. Marriage magnifies them.”** What kinds of character patterns should never be ignored before marriage? For those already married, how can humility and repentance help rebuild trust and integrity?
5. PT said, **“Marriage doesn’t erase dysfunction. It exposes it.”** Why is emotional health so important in relationships, and what are healthy ways to address wounds, family patterns, fears, or unresolved pain?
6. Read **James 1:19, Proverbs 15:1, and Ephesians 4:29**. Which part of healthy communication is hardest for most people: listening well, speaking gently, controlling anger, or using words that build up? Why?

◆ PT’S BEST QUOTES

- *“Healthy homes and marriages don’t happen accidentally either. They are built intentionally.”*
- *“Strong marriages are not held together by chemistry alone. They are held together by covenant, commitment, grace, forgiveness, patience, and intentional work.”*
- *“Weddings are easy. Marriage is where the work begins.”*
- *“Trust is the currency of every healthy relationship.”*

◆ APPLICATION / ACTION PROMPTS

- **Evaluate one connection point.** Choose one area from the sermon — spiritual, character, emotional health, communication, or physical attraction/affection — and honestly identify one way it needs to be strengthened in your life or relationship.
- **Take one rebuilding step.** Pray together, apologize, schedule counseling, remove a distraction, speak encouragement, plan time together, or make one concrete decision that helps your home become a stronger SAFEHOUSE.

◆ CLOSING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for teaching us how relationships are supposed to work. Help us build homes that are spiritually strong, emotionally healthy, and anchored in Christ.

Lord, help us become better listeners, softer speakers, quicker forgivers, and more intentional builders. Strengthen every marriage and family at CrossPointe that is struggling. Heal what is wounded, rebuild what is broken, and help our homes become SAFEHOUSES filled with grace, truth, prayer, laughter, forgiveness, and Your presence. Help us be bold to share our faith and invite people far from God to join us at church this Sunday — and let them know we will save them a seat with us! In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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