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HOW TO HAVE A GREAT RELATIONSHIP (MARRIAGE)
Discussion Guide

SERMON SUMMARY

The foundation of a structure determines the load-bearing capacity (or limits) the structure can withstand. Similarly, the foundation of a relationship can determine how much spiritual, mental, emotional, and financial weight it can sustain. In today's sermon, Pastor Daniel Floyd teaches us five foundational principles for having a great marriage or relationship. Intentionality in these areas will increase the likelihood that a relationship can endure the weight of life's greatest tests.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- Psalm 127:1
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (ESV)
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
- James 1:19 (ESV)
- Song of Solomon 7:10-12
- Luke 22:20
- 1 Corinthians 13:7-8
- Colossians 3:14
- 1 John 4:19 (NLT)
- Ephesians 3:17-18 (LB)

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- Put Jesus at the center of your relationship: Who or what defines your relationship?
- Learn to celebrate differences: How can you learn to value people who are different from you? When was the last time you celebrated something or someone different from you?

- Work on communication: What are you quick to do in communication? What are you slow to do? Why? What is the difference between hearing and understanding?
- Feed the romance: What are some things you can do to sustain romance in your relationship?
- Make a covenant commitment: How is a covenant-based relationship different from a contractual relationship?

APPLICATION IDEAS

- During last week's sermon, Pastor Daniel suggested our focus remain on what we bring to the table of our relationship instead of what the other person brings. This takes the focus off self, and places it on the "we" in the relationship. Self-awareness is imperative in learning your strengths and weaknesses. This week, be intentional about celebrating your weaknesses and the strengths in others. If you are married, ask your spouse to share two ways you can love them better.

GO DEEPER

Additional ideas for a deeper study of the sermon topic.

- What are some covenants exemplified in the Bible? What do they have in common? Do you notice any patterns?

PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Pray Ephesians 3:17-18 over yourself and your relationship.

LEADER TIPS

- If you have an example of how investing in one of the five principles has affected your relationship(s), share it with the members of your group to begin the discussion. If not, ask one of your members to start with a story of their own.