Marriage Enrichment



Lesson Topic: Other Relationships

Week Two Homework

**Scripture Memory Verse:** “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.” (Philippians 2:3 ESV)

**In the Word Together:**

Read and discuss the following verses with your spouse:

What does the following verse tell us about relationships?

* Proverbs 4:23

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**Talk About It Together:**

Please discuss the following questions with your spouse and write down your shared responses.

You will be discussing your responses to question 1-2 during discussion time and your responses to questions 3 during breakout time. Please remember to be a safe place for your spouse to express his/her thoughts.

You learned during Large Group that you need to guard your mind (your thinking), your heart (your affections) and your emotions when it comes to relationships. One of the ways to guard and protect your mind, heart and emotions is to have protective hedges or “Moral Fences”. The pastors and staff at Harvest have the following moral fences.

* No riding in the car with members of the opposite sex other than family
* No counseling in a closed room or more than once.
* Do not stay alone in a hotel overnight
* Speak often and publically of my affection for my spouse when he/she is present and when he/she is not.
* Compliment the character or conduct and not the clothing or appearance of the opposite sex

Additional Moral Fences might include:

* No lunch/dinner alone with opposite sex
* Careful about hugging
* Being cautious about what we wear – especially for women

These Moral Fences are not only for your own protection but also to help remain above reproach and avoid the appearance of inappropriate behavior. You only get one shot at your reputation.

1. Based on the above list as an example, what are the “Moral Fences” that you agree to implement as a couple in your marriage?

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1. What hedges have you established (or will you establish) as a couple to guard your minds, hearts and affections from potentially harmful influences such what we see/watch, read, and think (internet, chat rooms, e-mail accounts, facebook, DVD’s/Movies, TV, Music etc)?

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1. Ask each other the following questions:
2. Is there anything that I do or we have that you feel that I treat as “mine” and not “ours”? (money, hobby, interests, activities, etc…). How can we move towards oneness in this?

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1. What relationship with either family or friends do you think is the most potentially threatening to the oneness in your marriage? Why? Talk about what boundaries you may need to be put in place to protect the oneness in your marriage due to this relationship. If this becomes an area of conflict for you, seek counsel from another godly couple such as your small group leaders/mentors.

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**Your “Take Away” for the Month:**

1. Share with your spouse one significant “take away” from this month’s study on Relationships that impacted your view on the Oneness in your marriage. If necessary, confess and ask forgiveness from your spouse.

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**Breakout Time – Please come prepared to talk about the following:**

1. Following up from your goals from last week, what have you done to come together more in oneness in regards to Leaving & Cleaving?

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1. What has the Lord taught you in your personal times with him this past week? What are you reading and how many days were you in the word and prayer?

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1. From #3a) from the Homework: Share if there is anything that you do or have that your spouse feels that you treat as yours individually and not yours as a couple? (money, hobby, car etc…). How will you move towards oneness in this?

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1. From #3b) from the Homework: What relationship(s) with either family or friends do you as a couple think is the most potentially threatening to the oneness in your marriage? Why? What boundaries do you need to put in place to protect the oneness in your marriage due to this relationship?

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