

NewSpring Church Personal Study Guide

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Marriage is tough. Without a passionate relationship with Christ, marriage becomes next to impossible. Two people placed together with different backgrounds, beliefs, personalities and preferences that do not have Jesus as the unchanging center of their lives, practically destines a marriage to fail. Jesus is that important. It's not enough to say, "Yeah, we're Christians." In order for the marriage relationship to endure, our connection to Jesus must be dynamic.

- Do you believe that marriage is sacred? Why do you think the divorce rate among Christians is no different than among non-Christians?
- Why does God hate divorce? Why do so many believe that divorce is not a sin? (Malachi 2:16, Matthew 5:31-32)
- Why does the misconception of love hurt so many relationships? Please read 1 Corinthians 13. From a biblical standpoint, what is love? It has been said that love is a decision not a feeling. Do you believe that is true?
- What misconceptions about marriage did you have before the nuptials? What kinds of questions should singles ask before marrying?
- Many say, "God doesn't want me to be miserable," as a justification for seeking divorce. Jesus tells us in John 16:33, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Is happiness your right as a believer?
- How has Jesus made your marriage better?

What are you doing to make your relationship with Jesus stronger? How can you protect the integrity of your marriage? How can you keep finances from becoming your Achilles heel? Are you communicating well and enough? Are you spending time together? Are you meeting each others emotional and physical needs? If you're not asking your spouse these questions, you should start. Today.

