

What Happy Couples Know **Stay Focused**

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

Genesis 1:26-27
Genesis 2:16-22
Ephesians 4:2-3
Proverbs 12:18
Ephesians 5:28-29
Hebrews 10:24
1 Corinthians 13:4-5
Matthew 19:4-6
Colossians 3:1-4

Key Ideas

Marriage was designed by God to connect two people to Himself.

The easiest way to break something is to use it in a way that it wasn't designed.

5 Efforts of a Great Marriage

Communication
Consideration
Compromise
Commitment
Christ

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Have you ever broken anything by using it in the wrong way? What happened?

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- What are words that come to your mind when talking about marriage?
- What does society say the purpose of marriage is? How does this differ from the definition Pastor Aaron gave this Sunday?

Start sharing. Ask questions to get your group talking.

- What is your communication style? (passive, aggressive, passive-aggressive, assertive) <https://soulsalt.com/communication-style/>
- Do others say you're a considerate person? Why or why not? Does that come easy to you or does it take some work?
- Do you struggle with making compromises? Why do you think as humans we are generally averse to making compromises?
- Are you a loyal person? Would other people agree with you? What's an example of long-term commitment in your life?
- What does it mean to you to have Christ-centered relationships?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- *Take prayer requests.*

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- What's one step you can take this week to live out the message in an area of your life?