

Journey Group Lesson for "We Don't Need to Work on Our Marriage" August 8, 2010

Getting Started (Everyone Answer)

What do you think about the following statement – "A great marriage requires great investment"? Explain.

Why do you think so many people struggle with their marriages?

Why do you think people tend to believe that marriages do not require a lot of work – that they should improve naturally? How does this compare to other areas of our lives (i.e. education, work, sports, etc.)?

Digging Deeper

Read Ephesians 5:28-29.

What does this passage tell husbands to do? Why do you think God would need to communicate that to husbands?

Greg said on Sunday that men are clueless when it comes to relationships. Do you agree or disagree? In what ways have you seen this? Give an example if appropriate.

In what ways does love differ from sexual attraction?

Read 1 John 3:16, 18. How does God define love? Does this type of love sound like the "summer romance" type of love? Why or why not?

Why do we expect that loving relationships should be all fun and no work?

Bringing It Home

On Sunday, Greg asked those who are married to make an investment in their marriages. He listed several next steps for couples like: reading a book on marriage, spending with your spouse, setting aside a portion of each day to talk, going to a marriage seminar, going to marriage counseling, or giving up an activity or interest to spend more time together. Which of those might you and your spouse need to do?

How can we pray for you?