

Journey Group Lesson for "Getting a Divorce Is Better Than Being Unhappy" August 29, 2010

## **Getting Started (Everyone Answer)**

Read 1 Corinthians 13

This passage is often included in wedding ceremonies. Its description of love is inspiring. When these ideas are lived out in a marriage relationship, the result is a long-lasting, love-filled relationship. Too many times the goal of many people is happiness not commitment. How does 1 Corinthians 13 confront our desire to be "happy"?

## **Digging Deeper**

What is the best piece of advice you've heard about making a marriage relationship last?

Why do you think people choose to end marriage relationships rather than working through problems?

Many times people seek to end a relationship through divorce and use the reason that "getting a divorce is better than being unhappy." How is this thinking flawed?

In 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, the apostle Paul defines love with multiple descriptors. Which descriptors of loving come easy to you? Which aspects of loving do you find difficult?

What specific steps can you take this week to fill the gaps in your marriage relationship by applying these truths?

## **Bringing It Home**

One of the keys to true happiness is commitment. In 1 Corinthians 13, we can choose to protect, trust, hope, and persevere. Relationships will grow or fade depending on how you choose to apply these principles.

Homework - Memorize 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

How can we pray for you?