

# MARRIAGE BY DESIGN

MESSAGE SERIES

**Ridge Group Lesson “An Intimate Relationship” – June 28, 2015**

## **Getting Started**

As we have walked through this series together, which week was the most impactful for you? Why? (Marriage is...A principle relationship, an exclusive relationship, a permanent relationship, and an intimate relationship)

## **Digging Deeper**

Read [1 Corinthians 7:2-5](#)

After reading what Paul wrote in this passage, what jumps out to you?

What does it mean when Paul says that our bodies do not belong to ourselves alone, but also to our spouse?

Why do you think that Paul mentions that we should devote ourselves to prayer in this passage about sexual intimacy?

## **Bringing It Home**

Greg said that for men, sex is a reaction and for women, sex is a decision. What do you think that means? Why is it important for us to understand this in our marriages?

Greg also said that, “An intimate relationship exists best in the environment of an exclusive, principle, permanent relationship.” Why is it important to have all four of these types of relationships within our marriage?

Which type of relationship is the most difficult for our culture to commit to? Why?

Greg talked about different things that can get in the way of having an intimate relationship. What are some things in your life that, if you are not careful, can get in the way of your intimate relationship?

Spend some time praying together as a group. Pray for the marriages of those within your group.