

## Marriage Matters Discussion Questions

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1. What would people say is your stance on marriage? Do you talk poorly about marriage? Do you joke and tease about marriage? Do you use phrases like ball and chain, etc.?
2. What are you doing to make sure that you are the right person for your marriage? If you are single, what are you doing to become the person God wants you to be?
3. What happens in a marriage if one or both spouses are not putting in 100%?
4. How do we develop a servant attitude? What problem do you have with laying down your rights and ambitions?
5. What attitude does Christ have for the church as His bride? What does Christ do for His bride? How can husbands be more like Christ and what He did for the church?
6. What do you think of when you hear the word submission? Do your thoughts match up with the Biblical meaning of the word? Why or why not?
7. If both husband and wife are submitted to the Lord, how does that make it easier for the wife to submit to the husband?
8. What should a wife do if she is having a hard time submitting to her husband? What should the husband do if the wife is not on board with what he wants to do? How do they work out the situation?
9. How does submitting to one's husband lift him up and build him up?
10. Why is submission always going to be a struggle?
11. What does it mean to love your wife as Christ loves the church?
12. Husbands, what have you sacrificed for your wife? Wives, what would you like to see your husband sacrifice or give up for you? If you are single, from what you heard shared today, what do you spend a lot of time doing or an attitude you have that may have to change if you were to get married?
13. How can a husband help his wife grow in holiness and godliness? If you aren't married, who is someone that helps you to grow in holiness and godliness? Why is this needed whether you are married or not?
14. How can a husband love his wife the way he loves himself? What are some things men do to take care of their bodies? What are some things he can do to take care of the marriage?

15. When you are married, how does your treatment of your spouse end up affecting you?
16. Why is it important to leave your parents and cling to your wife? Does this apply to the wife and her parents? Why or why not?
17. Why is feeling loved so important to women? What does your husband do that makes you feel loved? Why is being respected so important to men? What does your wife do that makes you feel respected?
18. Are you one that waits for your spouse to make the first move, or do you make the first move? Why?
19. What is your next step to make your marriage better? If you are single, what is your next step in making sure you are who God's wants you to be?
20. Take time to pray for your marriage. If you are single, take time to pray for those around you who are married for their marriage to be a better symbol of God's love for the church.