



# Marriage Matters

## To the leader:

Open your group in prayer, and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions in the notes, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions at the end of the page.

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On Sunday, Pastor Nick continued in our Family Matters series by talking about how your marriage matters. For those that aren't married, don't tune out! We believe this will be of great value to you as you either prepare for your eventual marriage or encourage your married friends and family. Ultimately, we were encouraged to make "make your marriage matter more" by investing in it daily and committing to God and your spouse to keep your vows. Marriage is very challenging but is also incredibly rewarding! We learned about God's purpose for marriage along with its priority. We were challenged to fight against the natural drift by being intentional to come together!

*"Make your marriage matter more by fighting against the drift."*

- ◆ In what way have you either observed or experienced the natural drift that appears in a marriage?
  
- ◆ Describe a marriage where the two fought against the drift. How did they do it?

## Let's review the points from the message Sunday:

1. The purpose of marriage
  - ◆ What did Nick describe as the difference between a covenant and a contract?

- ◆ In what way is marriage a picture of God's love?

## 2. The priority of marriage

- ◆ Where would you say marriage is on your priority list?
  - If you're single, how much of a priority is getting married to you?
  
- ◆ In what way is it dangerous when our priorities in life are out of order?

## Now what?

- ◆ What are some specific ways that you are going to fight against the drift in your marriage?
  
- ◆ In what way can you encourage married couples to fight against the drift and honor God through their marriage?

## Three Essential Questions

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
  
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change or affirm your thinking?*
  
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?*