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GETTING TO KNOW ME

- Describe a married couple whose life you would like to mimic. Why? What are the characteristics that you like about them?
- How is your marriage currently? Any successes and/or struggles that you can share?
- Describe a conflict between you and your spouse and how you resolved it? What do you do when you cannot resolve a conflict?
- If you are currently single due to a divorce, what were the reasons for your divorce? What lessons did you learn through this experience?

INTO THE BIBLE

- Read Genesis 1:27-31, 2:4-25 and Matthew 19:3-6. What do we learn about God's purposes for marriage?
- Read Genesis 3. Identify the different types of sins that Adam and Eve committed—against God and each other. What are some modern day “serpents” (agents) that may cause you to sin and break up your marriage? What protective measures have you put in place?
- Read Exodus 20:14, 17. Is there a difference between committing adultery and coveting a person of the opposite sex? Is pornography a sin? How do your answers compare with Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:27-30?
- Read Malachi 2:13-16, Matthew 5:31-32, 19:7-9 and 1 Corinthians 7:10-16, 39-40. What do these Scriptures teach about divorce? What do these Scriptures teach about remarriage?
- Read Leviticus 18:22, Romans 1:26-28, and 1 Corinthians 6:9. What do these Scriptures teach about homosexuality?

APPLICATION

- Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott, *The Complete Guide to Marriage Mentoring*, page 30: “We define a marriage mentor as a relatively happy, more experienced couple purposely investing in another couple to effectively navigate a journey that they have already taken.” Discuss this quote. Anything that jumps out? What does the phrase “relatively happy” mean to you? Identify and discuss things that may cause you to identify your marriage as “relatively unhappy.” Where are you as a married couple: In a position to mentor another couple, or in need of a mentor couple to mentor you?
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