

GROUNDED

HOW TO STABILIZE IN A CHAOTIC WORLD

Leader Conversation Guide – Grounded (Part IV: Marriage)

Main Idea

This week Pastor Curt wrapped up our series GROUNDED – how to stabilize in a chaotic world. In this final installment he focused on marriage, the bedrock of family! There is an all out assault in our culture today on the God ordained gift of marriage. Many of us have experienced that passionate love when dating our spouse and then one day we wake up and wonder where the passion went. He asked a very pointed question... Is there any area in your life you can be consistently lazy and see improvements? Let's unpack some practical truths that can bring hope into marriage. We want to close the gap on good intentions and loving action.

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

GENESIS 2:24

Make it Practical:

When you think something good, say it. Don't shy away from speaking life into your spouse. Hebrews 3:13 tells us to "encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today..."

When you think something special, do it. Your pursuit of them doesn't end at "I do." You should be chasing your spouse on a daily basis. James 4:17 says, "If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them."

When you want something different, be it. Change in a relationship takes work on both sides. If you want to improve your relationship, put in the effort and let them see you investing into your marriage. In Revelation 2:5, we read, "Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first."

Talk About It

- What part of this message impacted you the most?
- The Hebrew word for “united” is “dabaq,” which means “to cling or adhere; to catch by pursuit, to pursue hard with affection and devotion.” As a group, discuss why it’s easy to shift from “pursuing hard” to “pursuing is hard.” What is your current mindset when it comes to pursuit?
- What were you doing in the beginning of your marriage that you aren’t doing now? How can you practically pursue your spouse in a way that is meaningful to them?

**To get what you once had,
you must do what you once did.**

Prayer

Thank You, Father, for the gift of marriage. Help us to intentionally pursue our spouses with what we say, what we do, and who we are. Today, we make a fresh commitment to being God-honoring in our thoughts and decisions, which will empower us to have God-honoring marriages. Help us to be united as one with our spouses and pursue one another with affection and devotion.

Leader Tip

Be prepared to encourage your group members with this message, whether or not they are married. We can apply the principle of intentional pursuit to all relationships. Offer to spend individual time with your group members if there is anything they would like to discuss or pray about with you in private. If a spouse is frustrated, make sure your conversation remains respectful of all people involved.

