

## NEXT STEP QUESTIONS

**Accountability:** Share with your group what you committed to do last week.

1. What stood out to you in this week's talk?
2. What relational advice have you received from a mentor? What was it about them and/or why did you receive it from them?
3. Why is humility the key to a good mentorship relationship? Why do you think humility is important to God?
4. Do you have any marriage mentors? Did anyone come to your mind as a potential mentor?
5. As a group, discuss the relational benefits of good couple-friends.
6. What can you do this week to invest into good couple-friends?
7. What are the barriers holding you back from pouring into another couple?

Practical Step:

Take practical steps toward developing a healthy marriage team. Do you have mentors, couple-friends, and someone to pour into?



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## The Marriage Team (Your marriage is not meant to be walked alone)

*Without good direction, people lose their way; the more wise counsel you follow, the better your chances.*

Proverbs 11:14 MSG

Three connections every marriage needs:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

*...And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

1 Peter 5:5 NLT

What to look for in a mentor:

- A. Someone who will be \_\_\_\_\_ with you
- B. Someone who will \_\_\_\_\_ in your potential
- C. Someone who is \_\_\_\_\_ in your eyes
- D. Someone who has the same \_\_\_\_\_  
as you

How to find marriage mentors:

- \_\_\_\_\_ who is around you.
- Build intentional \_\_\_\_\_.

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2. Couples to do \_\_\_\_\_

*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.*  
Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT

How do you connect with the right couples, the right connections?

- #1 Cut \_\_\_\_\_.
- #2 Put yourself in a position to have opportunities to meet \_\_\_\_\_.
- #3 Spend \_\_\_\_\_ with them.

*Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.*  
1 Peter 5:8 NLT

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3. Someone to \_\_\_\_\_ into

*Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.*

Colossians 3:16 NLT

Practical ways to mentor other couples:

- Become a life-long \_\_\_\_\_.
- Be an intentional \_\_\_\_\_ for other couples.
- Remember your \_\_\_\_\_ is bigger than you, and God wants to use your \_\_\_\_\_ for His purposes.

Mentoring misconceptions:

- Mentors need to be at least \_\_\_\_\_ years old.
- Mentors must be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Mentors have all the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The mentor process involves a \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Challenge: Take steps to develop a marriage team.**