DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Introduction:

We believe there are a handful of **key Biblical practices and habits** that lead to a fantastic, life-giving, fun and passionate marriage.

So, over the course of the next 4 weeks we're going to work at some key perspectives that we can learn to get the marriage that we want.

Helpful Scriptures:

Deuteronomy 24:5, Ecclesiastes 4:12, Proverbs 3:13-14, Exodus 18:13-18, Titus 2:2-5, 2 Corinthians 9:6, Song of Solomon 5:16

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What are some of the areas of your life that you would say you are the most protective? How do you protect them?
- 2. Chad and Sarah mentioned 3 common threats to marriage: What do you see as potential enemies to your marriage? How are you currently protecting against them?
- 3. Read Titus 2:2-5. What are the benefits of mentors in various areas of life (e.g. work, sports, hobbies)?
- 4. How have you widened the circle of other marrieds to encourage you in investing in your own marriage? Do you allow others to really know what is happening in your marriage?
- 5. Name 2-3 qualities that you see in other couples that you would like to see in your own marriage.
- 6. Chad and Sarah mentioned 2 kinds of date nights (face to face and shoulder to shoulder). Discuss these as a group.
- 7. What was the last date you had with your spouse? What benefit would you say came from this time together?
- 8. Reflect on 2 Corinthians 9:6. Investing in your relationship follows the concept of reaping and sowing. How is time with your spouse an investment in your marriage?

Next Steps:

9. Which of the 3 protective measures do you think would be most beneficial for your marriage? What is one step you can take this week to put it in place?