

# 10 Commandments of a Great Marriage

## Small Group Discussion Questions

### I. "I am your spouse. I will have no others before you."

What is the difference between "dating the passion" and "marrying the commitment"?

### II. "Do not make any earthly thing more valuable than your marriage, on the golf course or at the mall or on a car lot."

How can I be a better friend to you?

Are you happy when we are together?

Are there patterns in my life where I consistently place other things as a priority over you?

### III. "Never speak ill of your spouse, to them or others."

The greatest non-biological need a man has is \_\_\_\_\_ . (Careful men!!!)

The greatest non-biological need a woman has is \_\_\_\_\_ .

### IV. "Remember to observe special time for your marriage."

Discuss the amount of time you and your spouse engage in one-on-one conversation throughout a normal week. Is it healthy?

Are each of you enjoying enough "alone time" to energize and reinvigorate your lives? If not, what could be done to fix that?

Do you feel good about you and your life's direction?

### V. "Honor your spouse, then you will live a long, full life in the land of no nagging, to-do lists or mall trips."

Are you satisfied with how you treat the most important people in your life?

(For those with older children) Have you had your children tell you they watched your relationship and based theirs today on how you treated each other?

How do you show "grace" (tenderness, kindness, respect) to your spouse?

Think of THREE things you can be thankful for... grateful for your spouse. Tell them that!

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

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

## **VI. “You must not kill your spouse’s hopes, and dreams, and spirit.”**

What is one dream you have always had, but never considered? Why didn’t you?

## **VII. “You must not commit adultery.”**

Are there areas of vulnerability you allow yourself to be placed in that could be handled better?

What “guardrails” (or safety precautions) have you placed in your lives to make sure the weaknesses in your life don’t become reality?

Do you mention your spouse regularly in social media posts?

## **VIII. “Never steal time from your marriage.”**

In what ways do you struggle with the demands for your time between your work and family?

How do you resolve those differences? Is there tension created due to this struggle?

Discuss the following questions: (with your children also)

- Am I away from home too much?
- Do you feel you are a priority in my life?
- How am I doing as a Dad/Mom?
- What could I do better?

Dale defines “success” as the following:

...having the affection and admiration of my spouse, the obedience and love of my children, the pride of my parents and the respect of my friends and business acquaintances.

What is your definition of success?

## **IX. “Speak the truth in love.”**

How can I help you be the best “you” you can be?

## **X. “Be content with the ONE God has given to you.”**

Are you content with your lives, possessions and blessings?

Are there ways you are showing discontent with the current state of your possessions? Is this harmful or distracting in any way?

Are your finances reflecting a chase for “the dream”?