



Part 1 – Seek God

Big Idea

Great marriages are possible! But sadly, great marriages are unlikely if we fall in line with the standards of the world. Studies show that 50% of marriages fail, and even if couples do stay together, many of them are miserable. However, a recent Harvard study proved that only 1 out of 1246 couples pursued divorce when they regularly did three simple things. And these three things center around one main focus: seeking God together. Harvard found that couples who pray together, discuss the Bible together, and attend church together have an astronomically higher chance of having a successful, loving marriage.

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well”.

- Matthew 6:33

Discussion Questions

- Read James 5:16. What are the benefits of praying together? How often do you currently pray together? What can you do to be more intentional about your prayer life as a couple?
- Talk about couples you know who have a God-first marriage. How do they treat each other? What makes them different?
- What is one practical thing you can do this week to help you develop a “God First” mentality for your life?

Next Step

Make plans to attend the Ignite conference together, and commit to attending a marriage small group together this semester. Block out the dates of the conference and small group meetings on your calendar so that you won't let any distractions keep you from these commitments. Create daily opportunities where you can pray with your spouse for God's will to take place in your lives and in your relationship.

Prayer Focus

Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal to you any relationships or areas of your life in which you are not currently putting God first. Seek the courage and wisdom to prioritize God in those areas.

Leader Tip

Pastor Chris mentioned that couples stay together when they discuss the Bible and make it a part of their everyday lives. Discuss and ask group members if they have any ideas for making Bible discussions easy and natural.