



Putting It Together

OPENING QUESTIONS

- In your immediate circle of family and friends who are married, have most of those marriages been healthy and long-lived, or short and struggling?
- 2. What stood out to you in this weekend's message?

IN THE WORD

- 1. 2 Corinthians 6:14 was written to remind believers not to yoke themselves to those who do not follow Christ. In applying this to marriage, what would you say to someone who is already struggling with this situation (one spouse is a believer or actively involved in their faith, but the other is not)?
- 2. In 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, God tells us that we are gifted in various ways, but He works in all of them. In the relationships that you are closest to (including your spouse, if you are married), what gifts are you thankful for...likely ones you do not have?
- 3. Which truths in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 are likely to be the biggest challenge in marriage?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

- Todd and Cris both spoke of building a marriage but starting with some "broken pieces". If you are married, what weaknesses/failures did you bring to the marriage?
- 2. What are the gifts of your spouse that contribute strongly in marriage? Does this ever cause tension or disagreement?
- 3. How can you encourage your spouse to lead in areas in which they are more gifted?
- 4. Do you think it's ever a good idea not to lead in an area where you have strengths? Explain.
- 5. People often identify irreconcilable differences as a major contributor to the failure of a marriage. What do you think of this? Are there differences that truly cannot be reconciled? If so, what might they be?
- 6. What are the most significant differences in your nature you've had to resolve for the health of your marriage, family, or working relationships? Are they mostly resolved and just needing maintenance, or are you just beginning?
- 7. What steps are/have been most helpful in creating a "glue" in your marriage? Are there steps you should take in the future?

Notes & Prayers

