



Graystone Small Groups  
Discussion Guide  
Week of 3.4.12  
Marriage Wars (week 1)- Fighting FOR our Marriage

Ideas for this week:

We are setting the stage for the rest of the series by establishing that we are to fight FOR our marriages and in order to do that, we must be united in Christ.

Intro Question:

1. Is anyone willing to share a story about a recent fight with their spouse or significant other in which THEY were wrong?
2. What kind of fighters are you? Who would you say is the “calm” one?

Review Questions:

3. What do you think are essential elements to a successful marriage?
4. Read Philippians 2:1-2. What do these verses seem to indicate is an important part of a good relationship? Especially marriage? Being unified in Christ... having the same mind
5. What do you think it means to be “unified in Christ”? it probably means to have Christ as the top priority in your lives- so that pursuit actually brings you together
6. Speaking of being unified, Read Mark 10:6-9. What do you think it means to be “one flesh”?
7. Can anyone remember what the 4 qualities of a Christ centered marriage are that were covered in the sermon? Encouragement, comfort, fellowship, tenderness/compassion

### Application/ Digging Deeper

Get creative with this part. Maybe give everyone note cards to write down their responses before they share them- that way, even the shy ones who won't share with the group will have something to share with their spouses later.

Or, separate the groups out into men and women and use this as a kind of brainstorming session for so the folks in your group can benefit from the good ideas of others.

8. Wives, what are some ways that you would like to be encouraged? How do you think you can best encourage your husband?
9. Men, what are some ways that you like to be encouraged? How do you think you can best encourage your wife?
10. Ladies, what can or does your husband do that makes you feel the most comforted?
11. Fellas, how do you think the need for comfort translates in guy world? What does it mean to want comfort from your wife? How can you best comfort her?
12. HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT!- on the ride home, discuss setting aside a time in your home when you and your spouse can focus on God together (ex. Reading God's word at the same time, sharing a few minutes with one another about your separate quiet times, praying together in the morning or evening). In doing this, you can regularly and intentionally enjoy fellowship together.