

5/30/10 Life Group Lesson

Introduction

If the amount you studied your spouse before marriage were equal to a high school diploma, how much further have you advanced in your education of them since you got married? Have you earned a:

- College degree
- Master's degree
- Doctorate

How far would your spouse say you've advanced in your knowledge of them? Are there some areas of his/her life that you are more educated in than others?

Text

1. **Proverbs 18:15** – “The ear of the wise seeks knowledge.”
Do you have a passion for getting to know your spouse? How could they tell? Do you ask questions of them that explore the way they see life? Do they trust you enough to share those things?
2. **Proverbs 20:5** – “The purposes of a man's heart are deep waters, but a man of understanding draws them out.”
How are you doing at drawing out the “deep waters” of your spouse? What keeps you from being better at it?
3. **Proverbs 24:3-4** – “By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful gifts.”
What are the “rooms” in your marriage that need to be filled?

Application

The places that we typically struggle the most in our relationships are the areas that we understand the least. Ask these questions of your spouse.

1. What are their greatest hopes and dreams at this point in life?
2. How do they best give and receive love at this point in life?
3. What are their greatest fears and why?

Assignment

Have a special dinner (doesn't necessarily have to be fancy or expensive) for just the two of you. Focus on getting to know your spouse better by talking about areas of life you rarely talk about. In other words, rule out work and kids.