**Building Your Marriage on the Scenic Route**

**Psalm 127:1**

**Session #1**

**SS: Your marriage is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **unless it is built upon the Lord Jesus Christ with tools that will bring Him glory.**

**1. THE SCENIC ROUTE IS NOT THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ROUTE**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ marriages are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ different from the world’s idea of marriage.

Isaiah 55:8-9

1 Peter 3:1-12

**A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ created marriage, not man**

**Genesis 1-2**

Your correct \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to all facets of marriage is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**b. God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ marriage, not man.**

**Jeremiah 10:23; John 1:1-3***;* **Colossians 1:15-17**

THE GREATEST THING YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR MATE AND YOUR MARRIAGE-----BE A MAN OR WOMAN OF THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!!!

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ marriages always involve at least one partner moving \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_from God.

Ephesians 4:15; 5:25-26

Both spouses must:

 a. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the Word

(Ps. 119:9; John 15:2-6; 1 John 1:9)

b. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Word (Psalm 119:33-40)

c. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Word (Memorize/Meditate -- Make it your own

(Psalm 119:73-80)

 d. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Word (Proverbs 18:21; 23:7; Psalm 19:14)

Your most important step in marriage is the next one! ---- Will it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God?

**2. THE SCENIC ROUTE IS A STEADY, SLOWER PACE**

Genesis 2:18-25

Proverbs 5:15-19

Proverbs 18:22

Ecclesiastes 4:9-11

Song of Solomon 1:15-16; 4:1-7

Song of Solomon 7:11-13

Matthew 19:4-6

Ephesians 5:18-33

Hebrews 13:4

**Pull Over & Park**

1. How and where did we meet?
2. What was our first impression of each other?
3. How and where was our first date?
4. Where was our first kiss and how was it?
5. How did you know I was the One?
6. How long have we been together? Relationship & marriage.
7. How do we resolve problems?
8. What key elements make a successful relationship & marriage?
9. What do you love about me?
10. Places you want to travel?
11. What do you like us doing together?
12. What is my favorite food?
13. Describe to me your relationship with God at present.
14. Tell me about a memorable time you connected with God.
15. What is my favorite book of the Bible?
16. What’s your favorite memory verse?
17. What is my personal salvation testimony?
18. What is my eye color?
19. Who is my best friend?
20. What is something I do that you wish I wouldn’t?
21. If you baked me a cake what kind would I like?
22. What’s the best way for us to show “I love you” to each other?
23. What are our greatest strengths in our marriage? (And our weaknesses)
24. What is my favorite restaurant?
25. What is our favorite thing to do (or place to go) as a couple?
26. Who was the one to say “I love you” first? And where was it?
27. What is your most repeated phrase or sentence?
28. How can I help you be a better husband/wife?
29. Where do you see us in 5 years time? In 10 years time?
30. How can I better meet your physical needs and desires?
31. How can I better meet your emotional needs and desires?
32. What are you most thankful for?
33. How have you changed since we married?
34. What do you like about our marriage?
35. What would you like to change about our marriage?
36. What spiritual gifts to you see in me?
37. Tell me something about yourself that I may not know.
38. What are some of your greatest hopes?
39. How can I demonstrate my love for you in different ways?
40. What are you most thankful for?