



"HACKING MARRIAGE" 05/22/16

THE POINT:

TRY THIS MARRIAGE HACK: BECOME ONE WITH YOUR SPOUSE

Discussion Generators

PLEASE share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group!

Remember that this week's guide is shorter than usual to allow time

for your Pr'me to complete the mc3 survey (see next page)

- → God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past week.
- •What has stood out to you so far from the Family Hacks Point series?
- •Using only two words, summarize how our culture views marriage.
- → Read Genesis 2:18-20. According to these verses, what "problem" does God encounter with His creation of Adam?
- → According to Genesis 2:21-24, what is God's solution?
- •What comes to your mind when you hear the phrase "become one flesh"? According to the Point, what does "become one flesh" mean?* Share some examples of what that may look like.

*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this

- →Becoming one with your spouse is going to require a few things:
 - → Abandonment: Read Genesis 2:24a. According to this verse, how does "abandonment" apply to marriage?
 - → Sacrifice: Read Ephesians 5:21-27. According to these verses, how does "sacrifice" apply to marriage?
 - → Commitment: Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. According to these verses, how does "commitment" apply to marriage?
- →If you are married: Which of these three is the hardest for you?
- →If you are NOT married/mc3Student: Which of these three do you think will be the hardest for you?
- •Have someone close in prayer, asking God to help make the marriages in your Pr'me "become one flesh".

[mc3Student: Have a student close in prayer asking God to help the students become who God wants them to be based on the above verses (i.e., willing to abandon, sacrifice, and commit for the sake of Jesus!).]

As a church, we want to make sure that we are being the best managers of our time and resources as we can be, as well a making sure that we are staying true to the process to which God has called us as a church. With that in mind, we are initiating what we hope to be a annual survey/evaluation of the ministries at mc3. This survey is NOT to see if we are "successful", but, rather, to ensure that we are staying relevant and in step with what God has called mc3 as a church (i.e., the c3 discipleship process and our Core Values).

Please use this time now to complete the survey, being honest and open in your responses.

[Pr'me Leaders: Share follow-up information with the details from Bryan]

Bible Verses

Genesis 2:18-24 (NIV)

The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But <u>for Adam no suitable helper was found</u>.

So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

That is why <u>a man leaves his father and mother</u> and is united to his wife, and <u>they become one flesh</u>.

Ephesians 5:21-27 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord...Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NLT)

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.