

# FENCES

MG<sup>3</sup>

#mc3fences

**Pr'me**  
Groups

Discussion  
Gu'de

*"THE FIGHT FENCE"*

02/17/19

# FENCES

02/17/19

FENCES IN OUR MARRIAGES PROTECT OUR HEARTS FROM RUIN

## The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- 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.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

## The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.\*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?\*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?\*

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

## The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- In your opinion, what do you think is the most boring sport to watch? Does being there live vs. on TV make a difference?

## The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- If you're going to have a healthy marriage, you need to determine to put your spouse *before* yourself, so let's take some time to see WHY. Read the following passages and, just for now [Part 1], ignore what it says about wives or husbands and discuss what it says about Jesus:
  - **Ephesians 5:21** [for Part 2\* below: *Put Each Other First*]
  - **Ephesians 5:22-24** [for Pt. 2\*: *Wives, Put Your Husband First*]
  - **Ephesians 5:25-30** [for Pt. 2\*: *Husbands, Put Your Wife First*]
  - **Ephesians 5:31-33** [for Pt. 2\*: *Jesus Put Us First*]
- \*Part 2: Now that we've seen the example that Jesus has set for us, go back and discuss what each passage means related to marriage.
- Why do you think Christ's example is **ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY** for a proper understanding of how to relate in a marriage?
- Putting your spouse first means that you're going to have to create some fences to protect your marriage. People are different and situations are different, so read each of these general "fence" categories and *try to brainstorm for a list of 10 specific ways each* could look in a marriage today (you may reflect on ideas shared in the Point).
  - *Don't Go There: Honor Marriage* **Hebrews 13:4**
  - *Don't Be There: Be Best Friends* **Genesis 2:24**
  - *Don't Hold Back: Give Yourself* **1 Cor. 7:3-6; Proverbs 5:15-19**
- Whether or not you are married, is there a specific fence that was listed that you need to build for the sake your (current or future) marriage? If you are willing, share it with your Pr'me, so that they can pray for you this week.

## The References

Main Passage: **Ephesians 5:21-33 (NIV)** \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. 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...

### **Hebrews 13:4 (NIRV)**

All of you should honor marriage. You should keep the marriage bed pure. God will judge the person who commits adultery. He will judge everyone who commits sexual sins.

### **Genesis 2:24 (NIV)**

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

### **1 Corinthians 7:3-6 (NLT)**

The husband should fulfill his wife's sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband's needs. The wife gives authority over her body to her husband, and the husband gives authority over his body to his wife. Do not deprive each other of sexual relations, unless you both agree to refrain from sexual intimacy for a limited time so you can give yourselves more completely to prayer. Afterward, you should come together again so that Satan won't be able to tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

### **Proverbs 5:15-19 (NLT)**

Drink water from your own well—share your love only with your wife. Why spill the water of your springs in the streets, having sex with just anyone? You should reserve it for yourselves. Never share it with strangers. Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth. She is a loving deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts satisfy you always. May you always be captivated by her love.