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## Small Group Homework

For the week of: September 17, 2017

Speaker: Pastor Ted Cunningham (Guest Speaker)

*"Maturity in Marriage"*

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### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. In the Bible, marriage begins in Gen 2. Where did your marriage begin? How did you meet your spouse and begin a relationship? Who said, "I love you" first?
2. Think of three couples you believe are "killing it" at marriage. What are some of the traits you see in them that allows them to be doing so well?

Are any of these traits natural gifts or do you think they had to work hard on them?

### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Ted brought our attention to Gen 2:24 and pointed at the "Therefore". Some translations say, "For this reason". Read Gen 2:1 – 23. What makes the "Therefore" and the "For this reason" relevant?
2. What was the significance Ted gave to the fact that God took a rib from Adam and created Eve? What were all the other possibilities?

3. Ted brought us seven Trends that are coming against the exclusivity of marriage. How have you seen these trends develop in your own home and in our culture today?
  - a. **Kid centered marriage** (everything revolves around the child)
  - b. **Prolonged adolescents**  
Read 1 Corinthians 13:11. What does the verse have to say about adolescents?
  - c. **Delayed marriage**  
What are some the pros and cons of delaying marriage? What advice would you give to other young adults?
  - d. **Sliding Vs Deciding**  
What power did Ted say Deciding has in one's life?
  - e. **Starter marriage**  
How have starter marriages impacted our culture today? Is this better than just being single and involved in many relationships?
  - f. **Dateing while divorcing**
  - g. **Greying divorce** (30% over the age of 50 are divorcing)  
What do you think are some of the common reasons for this trend?
4. Read Hebrews 13:4. In a culture that says this verse is no longer relevant, what are some strategies/ideas couples can use to make it more relevant than ever before?

### TAKING IT HOME

1. Why is marriage worth fighting for?

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Prayer Requests:

