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Pre-Marital Counseling Curriculum

Before Session 1:

1. Obtain the book *The Meaning of Marriage* Tim Keller and read Ch. 1.
2. Read Gen. 24 and be ready to discuss your personal story and testimony, your relationship and engagement, and your family.
3. Read Matthew 19:1-12.
4. Listen to “Marriage: Covenant, Not a Contract” by Alistair Begg:
<http://thegospelcoalition.org/resources/a/Marriage-A-Covenant-Not-a-Contract>
5. Read Pre-Marital Covenant and be prepared to discuss and sign.

Session 1: Discuss Gen. 24, your personal story and testimony, your relationship and engagement, and your family. Discuss Matt. 19:1-12, Begg sermon and Ch. 1 of *MOM*. Discuss and sign Pre-Marital Covenant.

Homework:

1. Read Eph. 5:22-33 and Ch. 2 of *MOM*. Make 3 practical application points from either for your marriage.
2. Write down any questions you have from the scripture passage and book chapters.
3. Watch or listen to “The Gospel and Marriage” by David Platt:
<http://www.radical.net/media/series/view/184/the-gospel-and-marriage>

Session 2: Discuss Eph. 5:22-33 and Platt sermon. Discuss Ch. 2 of *MOM*.

Homework:

1. Read Gen. 2:18-25 and Ch. 3 of *MOM*. Make 3 practical application points from either for your marriage.
2. Write down any questions you have from the scripture passage and book chapters.
3. Listen to “Marriage Lived for the Glory of God” by Dr. John Piper:
<http://www.desiringgod.org/resource-library/conference-messages/marriage-lived-to-the-glory-of-god>

Session 3: Discuss Gen. 2:18-25 and Piper sermon. Discuss Ch. 3 of *MOM*.

Homework:

1. Read 1 Cor. 7:1-16, Prov. 31:10-31, and Chs. 4 & 7 of *MOM*. Make 3 practical application points from either for your marriage.
2. Write down any questions you have from the scripture passage and book chapters.
3. Listen to “Choose Spouse Carefully” by Dr. Mark Dever:
http://thegospelcoalition.org/resources/a/choose_spouse_carefully#

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Session 4: Discuss 1 Cor. 7:1-16, Prov. 31:10-31, and Dever sermon. Discuss Chs. 4 & 7 of *MOM*.

Homework:

1. Read James 4:1-2, Luke 6:43-45, and Ch. 5 of *MOM*. Make 3 practical application points from either for your marriage.
2. Write down any questions you have from the scripture passages and book chapters.
3. Listen to “Cravings and Conflicts” by C.J. Mahaney:
[http://www.covlife.org/resources/2671432-Cravings and Conflicts](http://www.covlife.org/resources/2671432-Cravings_and_Conflicts)

Session 5: Discuss James 4:1-2, Luke 6:43-45, and Mahaney sermon. Discuss Ch. 5 of *MOM*.

Homework:

1. Read Col. 3:18-4:1 and Chs. 6 and 8 of *MOM*. Make 3 practical application points from either for your marriage.
2. Write down any questions you have from the scripture passage and book chapters.
3. Listen to or watch “Col. 3:18-4:1” by Charles Quarles:
<http://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/colossians-3-18-4-1-chuck/id370705699?i=91934304&mt=2>

Session 6: Discuss Col. 3:18-4:1 and Quarles sermon. Discuss Chs. 6 & 8 of *MOM*.

Homework:

1. Read Song of Solomon together.
2. Listen to or watch the following:
 - “Sex Romance and the Glory of Christ”, by C.J. Mahaney:
<http://thegospelcoalition.org/resources/a/Sex-Romance-and-the-Glory-of-God-What-Every-Christian-Wife-Needs-to-Know#>
 - “A Song of Joy: Sexual Intimacy in Marriage”, by C.J. Mahaney:
<http://thegospelcoalition.org/resources/a/A-Song-of-Joy-Sexual-Intimacy-in-Marriage#>
 - “Marriage Is Meant For Making Children...Disciples of Jesus” by John Piper:
<http://thegospelcoalition.org/resources/a/Marriage-Is-Meant-for-Making-ChildrenDisciples-of-Jesus-Part-1>
 - “Parenting for the Glory of God” by John Piper:
<http://thegospelcoalition.org/resources/a/Parenting-for-the-Glory-of-God-Part-2#>