



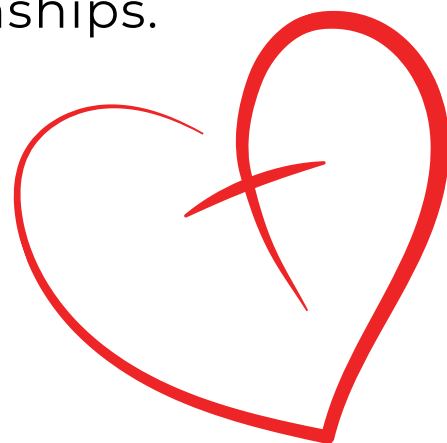
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# CHRIST- CENTERED VISIONS WITH LOVE

Discussion Guides for Singles and Married Couples who desire to create God honoring visions for their lives and relationships.

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# ABOUT THIS GUIDE

## OVERVIEW

This comprehensive discussion guide is suitable for all seasons of life whether you are single, married, divorced, or widowed. The goal of this powerful guide is to disciple singles and couples as they craft visions for their current and future lives.

Expect to experience personal and spiritual growth through thought provoking questions and activities that are birthed from the Word of God. This guide is not another piece of content to read and toss to the side only to be forgotten about. This guide is a hands-on experience filled with reflections and practical applications that can be referred back to for years to come.

In addition to the Christ-centered vision discussion guides for singleness and marriages, there's a brief summary on the 4 Laws of Love that are drawn from Genesis 2:24-25.

## GOALS

Every single individual will finish with a personal vision statement to pursue God's purpose for their life during a season of singleness.

Every couple will finish with a marriage vision statement that reflects their commitment to a Christ-centered marriage.

## FORMAT

This discussion guide is for everyone from young adults to those in retirement years and is formatted in the following way:

- A Christ-Centered Vision for Singleness
  - Overview
  - Discussion Questions & Activities
  - Prayer
- A Christ-Centered Vision for Marriage
  - Overview
  - Discussion Questions & Activities
  - Prayer

# UNCONDITIONAL LOVE



Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not arrogant, is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not irritable, and does not keep a record of wrongs. Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

*1 Corinthians 13:4-8*

# A CHRIST-CENTERED VISION FOR SINGLENES

## **OVERVIEW**

This discussion guide is designed to help singles embrace their season of singleness with intentionality, develop a Christ-centered vision for their lives, and prepare for God's calling—whether that includes marriage or continued singleness.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS & ACTIVITIES**

### **I. Understanding God's Purpose for Singleness**

*(1 Corinthians 7:32-34, Psalm 139:13-16)*

1. How does culture view singleness compared to how the Bible presents it?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What are some unique opportunities that singleness provides for spiritual growth and service?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How can you shift your mindset from seeing singleness as a waiting period to embracing it as a season of purpose?

### **Activity:**

Write down two ways you can use this season of singleness to glorify God. Share one with the group.

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## II. Seeking God's Vision for Your Life

*(Proverbs 3:5-6, Matthew 6:33)*

1. What does it mean to “seek first the kingdom of God” in singleness?
2. How can you trust God’s timing and plan for your life, even when it doesn’t align with your expectations?
3. What distractions or pressures make it difficult to focus on God’s vision for you?

### **Activity:**

Set aside time this week to pray and ask God for clarity on His vision for your life. Write down one area where you need to trust Him more.

## III. Core Areas of a Christ-Centered Vision for Singleness

*(Read corresponding scriptures and discuss.)*

1. **Spiritual Growth** (Psalm 37:4) – How can you deepen your relationship with God during this season?

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2. **Personal Development & Purpose** (*Ephesians 2:10*) – What skills, education, or experiences can you pursue to prepare for your future?

3. **Friendships & Community** (*Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*) – How can you build strong, godly relationships?

4. **Emotional & Relational Wholeness** (*Proverbs 4:23*) – Are there areas in your life where you need healing, growth, or forgiveness?

5. **Finances & Stewardship** (*Proverbs 21:5*) – How can you manage your finances wisely now to prepare for future opportunities?

6. **Preparation for Future Relationships** (If Marriage is a Desire) (*Ruth 3:11, 1 Timothy 3:1-7*) – How can you become the person God wants you to be before marriage?

## **Activity:**

Choose one area from the list above and set a goal for how you will grow in it over the next month.



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## IV. Committing to Your Vision

*(Habakkuk 2:2, Isaiah 55:8-9)*

1. Why is it important to have a clear, Christ-centered vision for your life?
2. What are some practical ways to stay focused on God's plan when distractions arise?
3. How can having accountability (friends, mentors, church community) help you stay committed to your vision?

### **Activity:**

Write a **personal vision statement** (1-2 sentences) about how you will pursue God's purpose for your life during this season of singleness.

### **PRAYER**

Father in Heaven, open my heart in this season of singleness and provide clarity on Your vision for my life. Bring peace in this season and every season as I seek Your direction. Keep my personal vision statement in front of me as a reminder of Your steadfast love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# A CHRIST-CENTERED VISION FOR MARRIAGE

## OVERVIEW

This discussion guide is designed to help engaged, newlywed, and long-standing married couples reflect on God's vision for their marriage, apply biblical principles, and create a Christ-centered marriage vision together. It also includes questions and activities for single individuals who desire to be married, helping them prepare for a future Christ-centered marriage.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS & ACTIVITIES

### I. Understanding God's Design for Marriage

*(Genesis 2:24, Ephesians 5:31-33)*

#### For Married & Engaged Couples:

1. How does your marriage reflect Christ's relationship with the Church?

2. What are ways you can strengthen your relationship according to God's design?

#### For Singles Desiring Marriage:

1. How does your view of marriage align with what the Bible teaches?

2. What qualities should you look for in a spouse to ensure a Christ-centered marriage?

#### Activity (For Everyone):

Write down three qualities of a biblical marriage and discuss how they apply to your current or future relationship.

# A CHRIST-CENTERED VISION FOR MARRIAGE

## II. Seeking God's Vision Together

*(Matthew 6:33, Amos 3:3)*

### **For Married & Engaged Couples:**

1. Have you ever taken intentional time to pray and seek God's purpose for your marriage? Why or why not?

2. What distractions or challenges prevent couples from prioritizing a shared vision with God?

### **For Singles Desiring Marriage:**

1. How can you seek God's vision for your future marriage while you are single?

2. What steps can you take now to prepare for a relationship that honors God?

### **Activity (For Everyone):**

**Couples:** Set a date for a "vision retreat" (even if it's just an hour at home) to pray and discuss your marriage vision.

**Singles:** Set aside time this week to pray and seek God's guidance on what He wants to shape in you before marriage.

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## III. Core Areas of a Christ-Centered Marriage Vision

*(Read corresponding scriptures and discuss.)*

### 1. **Spiritual Life** *(Joshua 24:15)*

**Couples:** How can you grow spiritually together?

**Singles:** How can you develop habits now that will strengthen your faith before marriage?

### 2. **Family & Parenting** *(Psalm 127:3-5)*

**Couples:** What values will define your home?

**Singles:** What biblical values would you want to instill in your future family?

### 3. **Finances & Stewardship** *(Proverbs 3:9-10)*

**Couples:** How can you honor God with your finances?

**Singles:** How can you practice biblical stewardship now to prepare for marriage?

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## 4. **Communication & Conflict** (*James 1:19*)

**Couples:** What are ways to improve communication in marriage?

**Singles:** What relationship skills (listening, conflict resolution, patience) can you develop now?

## 5. **Intimacy & Romance** (*1 Corinthians 7:3-5*)

**Couples:** How do you nurture emotional and physical intimacy in a God-honoring way?

**Singles:** How can you develop a healthy, biblical understanding of intimacy before marriage?

## 6. **Ministry & Purpose** (*Ephesians 2:10*)

**Couples:** How can you serve God together as a couple?

**Singles:** How can you embrace God's purpose now while waiting for marriage?

### **Activity (For Everyone):**

**Couples:** Choose one area to focus on in the coming month and set a goal as a couple.

**Singles:** Choose one area to strengthen in your own life in preparation for a future relationship.

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## **IV. Committing to the Vision**

*(Habakkuk 2:2, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)*

### **For Married & Engaged Couples:**

1. Why is it important to write down and revisit your marriage vision?

2. How can accountability (with mentors, small groups, or friends) help strengthen your vision?

### **For Singles Desiring Marriage:**

1. What are practical ways you can prepare for a godly marriage now?

2. How can trusted mentors or a small group help keep you accountable in your preparation for marriage?

### **Activity (For Everyone):**

**Couples:** Write a short marriage vision statement (1-2 sentences) that reflects your commitment to a Christ-centered marriage.

**Singles:** Write a personal vision statement (1-2 sentences) that reflects your desire for a Christ-centered future marriage and the steps you will take now to prepare.

### **PRAYER**

Father in Heaven, open our hearts to a Christ-centered marriage. Provide clarity as we seek Your direction. Keep our marriage vision statement in front of us as a reminder of Your steadfast love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# 4 LAWS OF LOVE

*Adapted by Jimmy Evans The Four Laws of Love:  
Guaranteed Success for Every Married Couple*

## **1. The Law of Priority**

Marriage requires making your spouse your highest earthly priority, second only to your relationship with God. This means intentionally carving out time and energy to invest in your partner, ensuring they feel valued and cherished. Neglecting this law can lead to feelings of neglect or insecurity.

### **Conversation Topics:**

How do we currently prioritize each other in our daily lives?

What are small, practical ways we can show each other we're a priority this week?

How does keeping God at the center of our marriage strengthen our connection?

## **2. The Law of Pursuit**

Healthy marriages require effort and ongoing pursuit, just as in the dating phase. This involves continually learning about your spouse's needs and desires and making an effort to meet them, showing that love is an action, not just a feeling.

### **Conversation Topics:**

What's one thing I do that makes you feel especially loved or pursued?

How can we intentionally pursue each other emotionally, spiritually, and physically?

Is there anything we've been neglecting that we should prioritize again?

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## **3. The Law of Partnership**

Marriage is a partnership where both spouses are equal and work together as a team. This includes open communication, shared responsibilities, and valuing each other's opinions. Unity and oneness are cultivated when couples share life's burdens and blessings together.

### **Conversation Topics:**

In what areas do we work well as a team, and where could we improve?

Are there any responsibilities we should redistribute to feel more balanced?

How can we celebrate each other's strengths and contributions more intentionally?

## **4. The Law of Purity**

A marriage thrives when both partners maintain purity in their hearts, minds, and actions. This includes being transparent, forgiving each other, and protecting the relationship from emotional or physical infidelity. Unaddressed issues can lead to resentment, but openness fosters trust and healing.

### **Conversation Topics:**

Are there any unresolved issues we need to discuss openly?

How can we safeguard our marriage from outside influences or distractions?

What boundaries can we put in place to protect our relationship?



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## **Additional Discussion Starters for Dinner:**

Share one thing you've learned about love or marriage from a biblical perspective recently.

What's a dream or goal you have for our relationship in the next five years?

How can we incorporate prayer or scripture into our daily lives as a couple?

What's something I can do to better support you in your personal walk with God?

Reflect on a favorite memory in our relationship—what made it special?

This framework encourages couples to reflect on their marriage, grow in understanding, and align their relationship with God's design for love.

# SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

## **BOOKS**

*5 Love Languages: The Secret to Love That Lasts* by Gary Chapman

*For Married Men Only: Three Principles for Loving Your Wife* by Dr. Tony Evans

*The Four Laws of Love: Guaranteed Success for Every Married Couple* by Jimmy Evans

*Marriage: It's Foundation, Theology, and Mission in a Changing World* by Curt Hamner, John Trent, Rebekah Byrd, Eric Johnson, and Erik Theonnes

*Ready or Knot?: 12 Conversations Every Couple Needs to Have before Marriage* by Scott Kedersha

*Vision Retreat Guidebook: Establishing a Yearly Vision for Your Marriage and Family* by Jimmy & Karen Evans

*Watch the Flags: Discerning Relational Signs in Dating* by Dr. Conway Edwards

*Your Marriage Today...And Tomorrow: Making Your Relationship Matter Now and for Generations to Come* by Crawford Loritts

## **PODCASTS**

*MarriageToday* with Jimmy & Karen Evans

*The Naked Marriage* with Dave & Ashley Willis

## **CONFERENCES & RETREATS**

*Marriage Retreat* by Harvest Ministries

*Single & Thriving Conference* by One Community Church

*Together Forever Couples Conference* by One Community Church

*Weekend to Remember* by FamilyLife

*XO Marriage Conference* by XO Marriage

# NOTES



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