

Small Group Discussion Guide

“Love Handles” (pt. 1) – 04.12.15

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-25

Bottom Line: See Your Spouse as God Sees Your Spouse.

INTRODUCTION:

Have the couples of your small group share how they met, how they got engaged or provide a description of their wedding day!

UNPACKING THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE:

Read Colossians 3:1-25 and Answer the following Questions

- 1) What is your personal view of marriage?** (Adam's answer, in light of Colossians 3:1-2, "Christ-centered Covenant between husband and wife.")
- 2) What is the point of marriage?** Adam's answer, in light of Colossians 3:17-24, - Holiness - Happiness - Witness).
- 3) How can you and your spouse encourage and complement each other** (Col. 3:18-19 - mutual sacrifice, submission, respect and love.)
- 4) How does God view us?** (In light of Colossians 3:12, we know in Christ we are Chosen/Wanted, Holy/Special, Beloved)
- 5) How can viewing your spouse as God views them change your marriage?**
- 6) What do you believe about God and how he views you?** (invitation to know that you are chosen, holy and beloved by God!

LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE:

- 1) Encourage your small group to answer these questions with their spouses.
 - a. What is the ultimate purpose of our marriage?
 - b. What are our top five priorities in order?
 - c. What daily patterns do we need to implement?
 - d. Is my wife flourishing by the way I'm loving her?
 - e. Is my husband thriving by the way I respect him?