#### Made for More - Week 3

### Main Idea

A made for more marriage begins when you lay down your pride and seek God's Kingdom first.

### Starter

If you could go anywhere in the world for a week, where would you want to go? Why?

• Make sure to have everyone introduce themselves and share basic info about their family if you have someone new to the group.

## Discuss

What is one lesson you learned about marriage from your parents (good or bad)?

# Scripture

Read <u>Ephesians 5:31-33</u> and discuss:

- What does this passage say is God's purpose for marriage?
- In your own words, how does this passage help you see a bigger vision for marriage? How is God's vision "more" than what you've learned about marriage from the world?

Make sure to encourage your group that marriage is meant for more than what the world tells us. Marriage is not meant for our personal happiness, but to be a picture of the Gospel to each other and the world by the way we love, serve, forgive, and care for one another through the messes of life.

Have your group read Matthew 6:33-34

• In this season of your life, what is a way you could grow in seeking God's Kingdom first in your marriage or singleness?

## Apply

Lead your group to take a moment to pause, reflect, and pray about the following questions:

- How can we pray for you to love your spouse or (if you are not married) someone close to you more like Jesus?
- What is a need you could meet in your home or neighborhood without expecting anything in return?

Have everyone share their answers to these 2 questions and spend time praying for each other.

Also, please share with your group the following resources for support - gethope.net/marriage.

- Marriage Circles: An 8-week guide for couples to grow in God's design for marriage.
- <u>Marriage Mentors</u>: Mentors trained to walk alongside you to offer support and guidance through difficulties in marriage.