

# DBS Questions

## PRAY

- What are you thankful for today?
- What cares, concerns, or challenges are going on?
- What do you need for things to be better?

## PEOPLE

- Read the Bible passage out loud
- Retell the passage in your own words as if you were telling a friend.
- What do we learn about God?
- What does this say about people?

## PURPOSE

- According to this study, what am I doing well?
- What do I need to change? "I will grow by..."
- Who needs to hear this story, and how can I tell them?

### MARRIAGE - SPIRITUALLY SINGLE

*"Since we've been married, my husband won't come to church with me. I want our children to grow up with Christian teaching, but he doesn't back me up. How can I please God and my husband?"*

1	Don't give up	A household conversion	Acts 16:16-40
2	God's love and ours	Abraham pleads for Sodom	Genesis 18:16-33
3	Putting things in God's hands	Abraham's greatest test	Genesis 22:1-19
4	Who's number one?	Take a warning from Solomon	1 Kings 10:23-11:13
5	God is at work	Praying for Peter in prison	Acts 12:1-19
6	Your spiritual family	Mary and John at the cross	John 19:16-27

### MARRIAGE - MISCARRIAGE

*"It tears me up to walk past the baby's room. Now I wish we hadn't gotten so excited and made so many plans. I'm dying inside, and I've got to talk to someone who has gone through this."*

1	When life falls apart	Job's life collapses	Job 1:1-22
2	Shattered dreams	Elisha and a grieving woman	2 Kings 4:8-37
3	Marital stress	Jacob and Rachel under stress	Genesis 29:31-30:24
4	Releasing the pain	Hannah pours out her soul	1 Samuel 1:1-28
5	God cares	Jesus weeps over death	John 11:1-44
6	Life goes on	David pleads, then accepts	2 Samuel 12:15-25

## DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

# Marriage

Discovery Bible Study (DBS) is a very simple tool to help facilitate community centered around obedience to God's Word. The core of DBS can be summed up in three words: **read, obey, and share!** It's simple, sustainable, and reproducible.

“  
Blessed are those  
who hear the  
Word and obey it.

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LUKE 11:28





## 6 TOPICAL STUDIES ON *marriage*

### MARRIAGE - GETTING ALONG AT HOME

*"We don't have a bad relationship, but why isn't marriage more fun? I want to be my spouse's best friend - as well as lover. How can I do a better job of living with the one I married?"*

1	In good times and bad	Isaac and Rebekah; first love	Genesis 24:1-29, 50-67
2	Love, honor and cherish	Ruth and Boaz; mutual respect	Ruth 2:1-23
3	Till death do us part	Jacob and Rachel; worth the wait	Genesis 29:1-30
4	Serving one another	Foot washing; whose job is it?	John 13:1-17
5	Friends	Adam and Eve; one flesh	Genesis 2:4-25
6	And lovers	Celebrate the difference!	Song of Songs 6:13-8:4

### MARRIAGE - BALANCING WORK AND HOME

*"We both have so many demands for our time and energy. How can we give our best to our work without it coming at the expense of our family? I don't want to lose what we're supposed to be working for!"*

1	Teammates	Adam and Eve; one flesh	Genesis 2:4-25
2	Roommates	Martha in the kitchen	Luke 10:38-42
3	Work and stress	Workers in the vineyard	Matthew 20:1-16
4	Stress management	Jesus deals with demands	Mark 1:29-39
5	Serving each other	Foot washing	John 13:1-17
6	Faithful and fulfilled	Priscilla and Aquila work together	Acts 18:1-4, 18-28

### MARRIAGE - COMMUNICATION CONFLICT

*"Whether it's how to guard an evening or how to spend our income - we have a different point of view. How can we relate to each other in a way that pulls us together instead of apart?"*

1	Power of commitment	Joseph marries Mary	Matthew 1:18-25
2	Power of words	David and Michal: cutting words	2 Samuel 6:1-23
3	Acting on impulse	Abram, Sarai, and Hagar	Genesis 16:1-23
4	Dealing with conflict	Abram, Sarai disagree	Genesis 21:1-21
5	Pulling apart	Adam and Eve blame each other	Genesis 3:1-24
6	Pulling together	Mutual respect	Ephesians 5:22-6:9

### MARRIAGE - INTIMACY

*"The world exalts sex as the ultimate high. But we both have different needs. We'd like more romance and sizzle in our love life. How does God want us to enjoy this gift?"*

1	God's gift	Delighting in love	Song of Songs 1:1-14
2	Sharing yourself	Wooing words	Song of Songs 1:15-2:15
3	The rhythm of romance	Absence grows love	Song of Songs 2:16-3:11
4	Only you	Can't keep my eyes off you	Song of Songs 5:9-6:9
5	Sensitive sex	Celebrate the difference!	Song of Songs 6:13-8:4
6	Committed love	The power of love	Song of Songs 8:5-14

