

# MARRIAGE

# RENEWAL CLASS

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KNOW EACH OTHER

GROW WITH ONE ANOTHER

GO TOGETHER

# KNOW EACH OTHER

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- ▶ Are you "As Cold As Ice" Foreigner Song
- ▶ Do we know each other spiritually and emotionally? Going Deep!
- ▶ Honesty brings closeness.....do we really want to know our spouse?
- ▶ Proverbs 20:5 NIV "The purposes of a man's heart are **deep waters**, but a **man of understanding** draws them out."
- ▶ Proverbs 24:3 CEV "Use **wisdom** and **understanding** to **build your home**; let good sense fill the rooms with priceless treasures."
- ▶ Luke 22:44-45 NCV "**Being full of pain**, Jesus prayed even harder. His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. When he finished praying, he went to **his followers** and found them asleep....."
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 6:11-12 NIV "We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and **opened wide our hearts to you**. We are not **withholding our affection** from you, but you are withholding yours from us."
- ▶ Colossians 3:9 "Do not **lie to each other**". Ephesians 4:25 no **deceptive** ways

# GROWING WITH EACH OTHER

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- ▶ Making God the centerpiece of your marriage and home!
- ▶ Convictions from Joshua 24:15 NIV "But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then **choose for yourselves** this day whom you will serve.....**But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.**"
- ▶ Nobody To Blame But Me.....Psalm 139:23-24 Voice "Explore me, O God, and **know the real me**. Dig deeply and **discover who I am**. Put me to the test and watch how I handle the strain. [24] Examine me to see if there is an evil bone in me, and guide me down Your path forever."
- ▶ Proverbs 27:17 NLT As iron sharpens iron, so a **friend sharpens a friend**.
- ▶ 1 Peter 3:1-2 NLT "your godly lives will speak to them without any words. **They will be won over** by observing your **pure** and **reverent** lives."

# GOING TOGETHER

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- ▶ John 15:16 Go And Make Disciples. Are you going to “Do Something?”
- ▶ Acts 18:26 NIV “He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they **invited him to their home** and **explained to him** the way of God more adequately.”
- ▶ Acts 18:2 They were never mentioned **separately**
- ▶ Acts 18:26 They used their **home** to reach out to Apollos
- ▶ Acts 18:26 They taught together, **same convictions**
- ▶ Romans 16:3 “My **fellow workers** in Christ.” They worked together with the same purpose
- ▶ 1 Timothy 4:16 “Keep a **close watch** on **how you live** and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right for the sake of your own salvation and the salvation of those who hear you.”
- ▶ Galatians 6:9 “Don’t get **tired** of **helping others**. You will be rewarded when the time is right, if you don’t give up. We should **help people** whenever we can, especially if they are followers of the Lord.”

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## **PRACTICALS AND FOLLOW UP**

- 1. TONIGHT TALK TO YOUR SPOUSE AND ASK THEM.....WHAT ARE SOME WAYS WE CAN HELP SHARPEN EACH OTHER SPIRITUALLY?**
- 2. WRITE ONE COMPLIMENT ON A YELLOW STICKY PAD AND STICK TO THE MIRROR TO SEE DAILY. MAKE GREAT DEPOSITS OF POSITIVE COMPLIMENTS**
- 3. GET TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER COUPLE AND DISCUSS THE 1-2 “TAKEAWAYS” FROM THE CLASS**

**PSYCHOLOGIST JOHN GOTTMAN HAS SPENT YEARS RESEARCHING WHAT MAKES SOME MARRIAGES FLOURISH AND OTHERS FALL APART. HE FOUND LASTING RELATIONSHIPS COMES DOWN TO FRIENDSHIP. COUPLES WHO STAY MARRIED MAKE AN INTENTIONAL EFFORT TO CONNECT, SHARE INTERESTS, AND MEET THEIR SPOUSE’S EMOTIONAL NEEDS.**

**-BECOME BEST OF FRIENDS**

**-DATE WEEKLY TOGETHER**

**-LEARN LAUGH TOGETHER**

**-FIND ACTIVITIES YOU BOTH DO TOGETHER.....WALK, TV SHOW, HOBBIES**

**-PUT CELL PHONE DOWN.....WHEN SPEND QUALITY TIME TOGETHER**

**-MAKE CLOSE FRIENDS W STRONG MARRIED COUPLES**

# SONG LYRICS

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▶ Cold As Ice - Foreigner

▶ "You're as cold as ice, you're willing to sacrifice our love, you never take advice, someday you'll pay the price I know....I've seen it before..."

▶ Nobody To Blame But Me - Chris Stapleton

▶ "She took down the photograph of our wedding day, ripped it down the middle and threw my half away, and I got nobody to blame but me, nobody to blame but me.....I know right where I went wrong...I know just what got her gone, turned my life into this country song and I got nobody to blame but me....."

▶ Do Something - Matthew West

▶ "I woke up this morning, saw a world full of trouble now, thought how'd we ever get so far down, and how's it ever gonna turn around So I turned my eyes to Heaven, I thought, "God, why don't you do something? Well I just couldn't bear the thought of people living in poverty, children in slavery, the thought disgusted me, so I shook my fist at Heaven...said, "God Why don't you do something?" He said, "I did, yeah, I created you!"