

EMMAUS SUMMER SPECIALS

LAUNCHING JUNE 6 • WEDNESDAY NIGHTS • 6:30 TO 8:00 P.M.

The Art of Marriage, Subtitle: Getting to the Heart of God's Design

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Description

God can turn any marriage into a masterpiece. Every marriage is unique, expressed by the colorful personalities of each spouse and textured by the circumstances at play in their lives. Blending these to make marriage work is a divinely inspired art form — challenging to master but definitely worth the effort. In *The Art of Marriage*, we weave together expert teaching, engaging stories, man-on-the-street interviews, humorous vignettes and much more to portray the hope and beauty of God's design for marriage.

WEEK 1 (June 6)

NO GROUP (we're out of town)

WEEK 2 (June 13)

Title: Love Happens - God's purpose and plan

Description/Outline:

- God designed marriage and has a great plan in mind
- The primary purpose of marriage is to reflect God's glory
- It is important to receive your spouse as God's perfect gift for you

WEEK 3 (June 20)

Title: Love Fades - Overcoming isolation

Description/Outline:

- Couples naturally drift toward isolation
- Our differences and weaknesses can push us apart
- Sin has affected every marriage
- The gospel brings healing and reconciliation
- Couples must learn to walk by the power of the Holy Spirit in marriage

WEEK 4 (June 27)

Title: Love Dances - Fulfilling our responsibilities

Description/Outline:

- God designed different responsibilities for men and women in marriage
- Though their responsibilities are different, men and women are still equal in value
- God calls men to sacrificially love and lead their wives
- God calls women to respect and support their husbands

WEEK 5 (July 11)

Title: Love Interrupted - Conflict and forgiveness

Description/Outline:

- Conflict is common to all marriages
- The goal is not to be conflict-free but to learn to handle conflict correctly when it occurs
- Healthy conflict resolution occurs when couples are willing to seek and grant forgiveness

WEEK 6 (July 18)

Title: Love Sizzles - Experiencing real intimacy

Description/Outline:

- God created sex and has a wonderful design in mind
- A satisfying sex life is the result of a satisfying marriage relationship
- The ultimate purpose of sex is to bring glory to God by celebrating our oneness