

**Marriage with Benefits | Let's talk about... benefits.**

**Next Steps Review:** Since your last group meeting, how did you share hope with others?

**Ice Breaker:** Who is your favorite fictional couple from television or movies?

**This Week's Big Idea:** Sex is not a four letter word. It was created by God and lived out in a God honoring way, it can be a great blessing to us.

**What do you remember most, or what stuck with you from the weekend's teaching?**

**Scripture:** Romans 12|1-2

1. How did the adults in your life approach the “birds and the bees” talk when you were growing up? How have your thoughts on sex and intimacy changed over time?
2. How do these verses apply to how we think and act regarding sex and sexuality?

**Scripture:** Genesis 2|21-25 and 1 Cor 7|1-4

3. Who are the people in your life you feel most “in sync” with? Why is that?
4. Jesus quotes in Matt. 19 this verse from Genesis that describes the creation of man and woman. What do these verses in Genesis and in 1 Corinthians have to say to us about God's original plan and the purpose of marriage?
5. If you are married, what are ways you can increase the intimate unity with your spouse painted for us in Genesis? If you are not married, what are ways you can honor the intent God had for sexual intimacy when he reserved it for that special union?

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 6|12-20 and Hebrews 13|4

6. Discuss the ideas of unity and purity in these verses and how it applies to those in and out of marriage.
7. What guardrails are necessary when it comes to avoiding sexual sin and keeping marriage pure? Where are you being challenge to put some boundaries in place?

**Next Steps:** This week challenge yourself to identify an area of your life in which you can better reflect your identity in Christ. What mindset or behavior regarding sex could God be challenging you to change in order to be more in line with His will?