



thank **GOD** for sex

EastLakeNotes

## Digging Deeper Study Guide

For Small Groups or Personal Bible Study

**THANK GOD FOR SEX WEEK 2**

**Feb. 2 & 3, 2008**

### Small Group Icebreaker

1. How have people in your circle (friends, ministry team mates friends outside the church etc.) reacted so far to the Thank God for Sex message series?
2. What are your thoughts about tackling the topic of sex in church?

### Opening Prayer

### Discussion Questions

3. Pastor Ben gave us some pointers on Do's and Don'ts when it comes to sex and marriage. What are the best sources for Do's in marriage that you've discovered so far? (a book, trusted friend, parents...)
4. What difference does being Christians make in a couples sexual relationship in marriage?
5. Read Ephesians 5:31-32:

*<sup>31</sup> As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one."<sup>32</sup> This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.*  
*Ephesians 5: 31-32*

6. Three events are noted here: leaving, joining and oneness. Discuss each and why God calls us to those three steps in marriage.
7. The second half of that Scripture illustrates how oneness in marriage demonstrates the church's relationship to Christ. What does that say to you about Christ's relationship to us as His people?
8. Read Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12 and discuss the benefits put forth especially when thinking in terms of a marriage partnership. Give any personal examples of how that has worked in your life and marriage.

*<sup>9</sup> Two people can accomplish more than twice as much as one; they get a better return for their labor. <sup>10</sup> If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble. <sup>11</sup> And on a cold night, two under the same blanket can gain warmth from each other. But how can one be warm alone? <sup>12</sup> A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.*

*Eccl. 4: 9-12*

### Action Steps

9. Are there any steps you need to take to make your physical relationship a priority in your marriage?
10. Make time this week for a date night!

### Closing Prayer

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