

## **CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

for the sermon on Sunday, February 12, 2017

*Promises, Problems, and Provisions in Marriage* by Elders Joe & Tracye Thompson

1. Why did you choose to get married, or why do you want to get married? Is that a biblical reason?
2. After hearing the message on Sunday, were you encouraged to do anything different in your marriage relationship?
3. How do you think most Christians would describe the purpose of marriage?
4. What has your marriage revealed to you about your attitudes, selfish behaviors, and other character flaws. Why do you think marriage brings so many character issues to the surface?
5. In your own marital experience, are you motivated more by what makes you happy or by what pleases God? Explain why or how.
6. What evidence of grace can you see in your mate when you take the time to look for them? What are the personal qualities of your spouse and contributions your spouse makes to your life for which you should regularly thank God?
7. Read John 16:33. In this verse, Jesus said in this world we will have tribulation. How do you think God can use specific difficulties in your marriage to refine your character and prepare you for future ministry?
8. Answer the following questions on the three major areas that causes difficulties in marriage relationships: communication, sex, and money.
  - In these areas, why are difficulties and suffering common in every marriage?
  - What happens if we run from them?
  - What happens if we face them head-on?
9. Can you see any truth in the statement "Destroy the family/marriage, demolish the nation"?
10. Did any aspect of the sermon cause you to look at your relationships differently?