**Discussion Guide**

**What God Has Joined Together…**

**Developing a God Honoring Marriage**

**3/9-10/2018**

Is there a couple whose marriage you respect? What aspects do you see in it that give you that respect?

Why is it important to remember that there is no such thing as a perfect marriage?

What are some challenges that you think are common to all marriages?

What are some marks of a “God honoring marriage” as opposed to a healthy marriage?

Can a marriage be one and not the other? How about the other but not the one?

Why is looking for marriages to model our own marriages after so difficult to find in the Bible? Can you think of a marriage in the Bible that was good that Doug didn’t mention?

Discuss each of the four keys from the message:

1. Begin with God honoring individuals.
2. Talk about it. Agree about it. Commit to it.
3. Learn to add “especially in my marriage”.
4. Learn to fill the gaps with the best possible

What does each look like?

Why is each one important?

What are some verses that you add “especially in my marriage”

Read 1 Cor. 13:4-7

What are the keys to love in this passage and how do they play out in our marriages and friendships? Which is the most challenging to you?

How can you apply this message if you are Kayaking at this time (single)?

What is the most important application from this message for you?

FOR SPOUSES

Before this message, what has been your idea of success in marriage?

Has it shifted over the years?

Look at the four keys ---- talk about what each means to you

Which ones are the most challenging? Important to you now?

Why would you want to make it a goal to have a marriage than honors God?

Pray for God’s help.