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Bible Study

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Objective:

As you prepare for your life together, one of the most rewarding aspects of marriage is partnering to serve God and others. When couples unite their gifts, talents, and hearts for ministry, they reflect the love of Christ and grow deeper in their connection. This Bible study will

guide you in discovering how to serve as a team, finding joy in ministering to others, and balancing your commitments while keeping God at the center of your marriage. Remember, serving together not only blesses those around you but also strengthens the foundation of your relationship.

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Focus Verse

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." - Joshua 24:15

1. Identifying Ways to Serve Together

Scripture Readings

- Matthew 25:35-40: Serving others as serving Christ.
- 1 Peter 4:10-11: Using your gifts to serve one another.
- Galatians 6:9-10: Doing good to all, especially fellow believers.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What are your unique gifts and talents, and how can you use them to serve others?
- 2. What needs do you see in your church or community that you could meet together?
- 3. How does serving as a couple reflect Christ's love to those around you?

Reflection Activity

Write down a list of service opportunities that resonate with your shared passions. Pray over these opportunities, asking God to show you where He is calling you to serve. Choose one to explore together in the coming weeks.

2. The Blessings of Ministering as a Team

Scripture Readings

- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12: The strength of two working together.
- Philippians 2:1-4: Serving others in humility and unity.
- Romans 12:10-13: Showing hospitality and meeting the needs of others.

Discussion Questions

- 1. How does serving together deepen your connection as a couple?
- 2. What spiritual or emotional blessings have you experienced (or do you anticipate) from partnering in ministry?
- 3. How can serving others bring joy and fulfillment to your marriage?

Practical Exercise

Choose a small act of service to do together this week, such as preparing a meal for someone in need, helping a local ministry, or volunteering at church. Afterward, reflect on how the experience impacted your relationship and your perspective on serving others.

3. Balancing Personal, Marital, and Ministry Responsibilities

Scripture Readings

- Colossians 3:23-24: Working wholeheartedly for the Lord.
- Proverbs 3:5-6: Trusting God to guide your priorities.
- Mark 6:31: Jesus' example of rest after ministry.

Discussion Questions

- 1. How can you ensure that serving together strengthens your marriage instead of creating strain?
- 2. What steps can you take to maintain balance between ministry, personal time, and time as a couple?
- 3. How can you encourage and support each other when ministry feels overwhelming?

Reflection Activity

Work together to create a balanced schedule that includes time for personal growth, quality time as a couple, and serving others. Include intentional moments of rest and prayer to recharge and stay aligned with God's will.

Closing Prayer

Lord, we thank You for the privilege of serving You and others as a couple. May our efforts reflect Your love and bring glory to Your name. Help us to serve with humility, grace, and joy, while keeping our hearts united in purpose. Strengthen our bond as we walk in obedience to Your call, and let our home always be a place where Your love is shared with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Conclusion

Serving together as a couple is not just an act of obedience but an incredible opportunity to grow closer to each other and to God. As you step into this calling, remember that your efforts, no matter how small, can make a big impact. Let your service be a light that shines His love into the world. And as you serve, lean into the joy and blessings that come from working together for His glory. Your marriage can be a powerful testimony of God's goodness—keep walking this path with faith and love.

Optional Add-Ons

- 1. **Memory Verse**: Memorize Joshua 24:15 as a declaration of your household's commitment to the Lord.
- 2. **Homework**: Commit to one service opportunity this month, and make it a shared priority.
- 3. **Prayer Journal**: Write prayers for the people or ministries you serve, and revisit them to see how God answers.