



Wives wished her husband knew about her



Getting Started

Why were you attracted to your spouse in the first place??

What were some of their qualities or traits you just loved!

Share one of your dating stories that you enjoyed.

Going Deeper

On Sunday Jilane, Lesley and Paul spoke about 4 things wives wished their husbands knew about them. Was there anything that resonated with you or that gave you pause? Take a minute to review it.

"Happy marriages are not marriages without obstacles; they are marriages where couples use obstacles as opportunities to grow in their partnership." As you work through these Small Group questions take it as an opportunity to strengthen your relationships.

A good marriage can be achieved by putting your spouses needs ahead of your own, but a great marriage can be achieved, first, by putting Jesus at the center of it, and then putting our spouses needs ahead of our own.

What do you think it means to have a "Christ-centered" marriage?

Read [Hebrews 12:2](#)

What does this say about focus?

What types of things should couples do to be certain their marriage is centered on Jesus? Give some examples, suggestions.

There were 4 main points that were discussed in the message.

1. Don't fix my problems

Robert Leahy in the Huffington Post writes... "men think that the purpose of communicating is to solve a problem, and that venting your feelings is not productive."

For many women, what is just as important to finding a solution is being understood and heard. This means discussing the situation with their partner so that both understand what is going on. In

short, their priority is not just about the end result, but also about the process. When that process is interrupted, they may feel hurt, misunderstood, or unheard."

With that in mind read these scriptures.

[James 1:19](#)

[Proverbs 18:2, Proverbs 18:13](#)

[1 Corinthians 13:4-7](#)

What do these verses speak to? What principles can we apply so help us appreciate our spouse when they are talking to us?

Good listening asks perceptive, open-ended questions that help to carefully probe beneath the surface. What are some ideas to help to be a good listener?

2. Be aware of my wants and needs

Read [Ephesians 5:25-28, 1 John 3:18](#)

Jesus loves the Church (You and I) so much that He was willing to serve the church even to the point of death on a cross.

Take a few minutes to discuss the idea of loving your spouse by serving them.

What are ways of serving each other?

How can couples do to be sure they are communicating there wants and needs?

3. Thank me for what I do

[Romans 12:10](#) "Love each other with genuine affection and take delight in honoring each other"

What does it mean to "Honor" each other? How do you show, express that you honor someone?

If you were to brag about your spouse to your friends what would you say about them?

4. Be trustworthy

[Exodus 20:14](#) talks about being faithful to your spouse in the marriage bed.

What are ways that couples can foster a relationship on trust?

