

Study Guide for Part 5: Challenges to Intimacy I

Keeping the Goal in Sight

The *purpose* of marriage is to *solve the problem of* _____.

The *goal* of marriage is to *become* _____. Which means to be _____, to know & be known.

The Challenge of Conflict

How do you typically deal with conflict? Do you face it head on or do your best to avoid it at all costs, or something in between?

What is the primary *cause* of conflict?

How well would you say your marriage handles conflict?

Are there certain topics you repeatedly differ on?

How can conflict be a potentially good when dealt with constructively?

What role do similarities and differences play in a marriage?

How can you apply the truth of Galatians 2:20 in your marriage?

Read Ephesians 4:26-32 and use it to develop an action plan for how you will deal with potential conflict in your marriage.

The Challenge of Money

Are you a spender or saver? What's your spouse?

Is there a common time of the month or year when money rises as a challenge to your intimacy?

What's the best way to diffuse the potential challenge to intimacy caused by money?