

And when two
or three of you
are together,
because of me,
you can be sure that
I'll be there.

Matthew 18:20

The Message

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

	Agree-----				
	Disagree				
	1	2	3	4	5
1. Agree on theology	1	2	3	4	5
2. Pray together every day	1	2	3	4	5
3. Read the Bible together daily	1	2	3	4	5
4. Regularly attend the same church together	1	2	3	4	5
5. Participate in an area of ministry together	1	2	3	4	5
6. Look to the Bible for direction in decisions	1	2	3	4	5
7. Recognize husband as head of the family	1	2	3	4	5
8. Witness to our neighbors together	1	2	3	4	5
9. Pray for each other	1	2	3	4	5
10. Tithe at least 10% of income to church	1	2	3	4	5
11. Challenge each other in spiritual growth	1	2	3	4	5
12. Confront each other in areas of sin/weakness	1	2	3	4	5
13. Explore going to the mission field together	1	2	3	4	5
14. Acknowledge Jesus as Lord of my life	1	2	3	4	5
15. Acknowledge Jesus as Lord of our marriage	1	2	3	4	5



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Making Jesus Lord of Our Marriage

Matthew 18:20

Mark 10:42-43

Romans 12:10

Galatians 6:1-2

Praying Together

Romans 1:9-10

Romans 8:26

Philippians 4:6-7

1 Peter 3:7

Worshiping and Serving Together

Isaiah 58:7-8

1 Corinthians 16:19

Psalms 122:1

Hebrews 10:25



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. *Baptism*
 - a. What is its purpose?
 - b. What age should someone be baptized?
 - c. What method do you prefer? Why?

2. *Communion (Lord's Supper)*
 - a. Why do we take communion?
 - b. Who should take it?
 - c. How often?

3. *Church Services*
 - a. Do you like liturgical or non-liturgical?
 - b. What kind of music do you appreciate?
 - c. Do you prefer guitars or organs?
 - d. How much responsive reading?

4. *What should the church emphasize?*
 - a. Evangelism
 - b. Teaching
 - c. Personal Help
 - d. Inspiration and Sharing

5. *How often should we attend?*
 - a. Two or three times per week
 - b. Weekly
 - c. Monthly
 - d. Holidays



WHAT DO YOU THINK? cont.

6. *Christian Service*

- a. Attend church only
- b. Help teach children, youth, or adults
- c. Sing in the choir, usher, other?
- d. Social ministry

7. *Personal Commitment*

- a. Daily Bible Reading
- b. Individual Bible Reading
- c. Couple Bible Reading
- d. Prayer

8. *What size church should we attend?*

- a. Small
- b. Medium
- c. Large
- d. Mission or "start-up"

9. *What about fellowship?*

- a. Small groups
- b. Socials with Sunday School class
- c. Special groups in church, special interests
- d. Recreation, mission trips



WHAT DO YOU DO?

1. Pray Together
2. Share Feelings and Thoughts with One Another
3. Have Devotions Together
4. Read and Discuss a Book Together
5. Attend a Conference or Seminar Together
6. Serve Others Together



EXCERPT FROM *QUIET TIMES FOR COUPLES, A DAILY DEVOTIONAL*

H. Norman Wright
("Quiet Times" article)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

"I feel awkward talking with my partner about God. I don't know what to say, and I don't want to seem either pious or spiritually ignorant."

If you've ever felt that way, join the human race! It's not always easy to discuss spiritual matters. What do you talk about? The following exercises are given as guidelines for your spiritual discussions together. These topics will probably require some additional time for reflection and sharing. But it's worth the investment.

1. When did you first experience a closeness with God? Describe how and when this occurred.
2. Describe a time when you recognized that the Holy Spirit was definitely speaking to you.
3. When do you feel closest to God? When do you feel most distant from Him?
4. To whom do you usually pray: God the Father, Jesus the Son, or the Holy Spirit?
5. What are your mental images of God? Which images do you wish would fade away? Which ones would you like to be stronger?
6. Describe how God has helped you overcome guilt in the past. Describe any feelings of guilt you still have.
7. If you could ask Jesus Christ to touch your life and heal you from something right now, what would it be?
8. When you come face to face with Jesus Christ in heaven, what do you think He will say to you?
9. Which Scriptures have meant the most to you and why?
10. What was the first passage of Scripture you memorized?

Perhaps these thoughts and questions will trigger other topics so your discussion can continue. Once you get started, you will become much more comfortable with the process.



