

## ***Discussion Questions***

1. What does it take to be a team?
2. Does a married couple need to do everything together?
3. There are good reasons, and bad reasons to get married. What are some examples of the two?
4. If you're not supposed to rush in, what is enough time to know someone before you get engaged or married?
5. How much time do most people spend planning a wedding?
6. How much time do most people spend planning a marriage?

***The engagement is the time that you should spend really getting to know each other, before you get married.***

What are some of the things that need to be considered when you plan to marry someone? You need to REALLY KNOW the person before agreeing to get married. If you decide to get engaged, ok, but spend your engagement LEARNING about what it would be like to live with this person.

*Living with someone before marriage is not the answer. Talk about different issues and discover where you agree and disagree.  
Are there any deal breakers?*

Pre-Marriage Questions to Ask Your Fiance:

1. What kind of relationship will we have with your parents and my parents?
2. Will we have children? How many? When?
3. When we have children, will we both work, or will one of us stay home?
4. Where will we live? What might cause us to move? A job? Whose job?
5. How will we divide the housework?

***These are values that you will need to make sure you share!!!***

There are good reasons and bad reasons to get married. If you get married for the right reasons, you have a better chance of staying together.

Circle "good" or "bad" after each of the following reasons to get married:

All of your friends are getting married	Good	Bad
Married people are more emotionally and financially stable and goal oriented.	Good	Bad
Holidays and vacations are much more fun with a spouse.	Good	Bad
You think you're getting older, so you better do it now, or you may never get married.	Good	Bad
You always have someone you can bounce ideas off of and get honest and beneficial feedback.	Good	Bad
When you get old and ugly there's still someone who loves you and thinks you're gorgeous.	Good	Bad
You want to move out of your parents' home.	Good	Bad
You'll receive intimate emotional support from a spouse.	Good	Bad
You think it's the right time in your life to get married. You finished college, got a job, now it's time to get married.	Good	Bad
Statistics show that married people live longer than single people.	Good	Bad
There's someone there who is as concerned about your health and well-being as they are their own health and well-being.	Good	Bad