

Message: Shipwrecked – Weathering the Storms in Marriage | Toby Slough | June 14, 2020

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

Second Corinthians 5:20 tell us “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ.” Ambassadors are sent to a foreign country to represent the kingdom. They do not have policies or opinions of their own but are there to represent the one who sent them. When everything around us is screaming look at me, listen to me, take my side on this issue. . . .

1. How do we remain focused on the kingdom of heaven looking only to the Son to be His ambassador to this world?
2. What does it mean to you to be kingdom minded or having the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5)?
3. What does that look like in everyday life and make a difference in relationships, home life or work?

The Secret to Successful Marriage and Relationships

Matthew 22: 37-39 “And He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

The secret to success in marriage or any relationship is seeking God first. Disaster occurs when we look to our spouse or any other person to fulfill needs that only God can meet. This is easy to say but difficult to do.

1. What does it mean to love God first and others second? How do you make that work on a day-to-day basis?
2. What are needs that God placed within us that only he can meet?

Spiritual Intimacy

The most damaging thing to a marriage is not a lack of physical intimacy, financial difficulties, or other pressures but the lack of spiritual intimacy. Seeking the Lord together will create a greater oneness, connection and strength that will survive the storms of life. This is a journey together! It is not an overnight goal or achievement but builds upon itself.

Learn to pray together. Seek the Lord together. Speak encouraging, life giving words to one another. Leave judgement up to God. Thank God for your spouse and pray for something specific in their life. Focus on the one (yourself) and let God work on the two (your spouse or future mate). Be quick to forgive, not carrying offenses.

3. How do you get started in a journey to spiritual intimacy?
4. If you are already doing this, What fruit have you seen in your life and relationship?
5. How can we encourage other couples to build spiritual intimacy?
6. How can this create a legacy for our family?