

# DISCUSSION NOTES



## Connect Members to One Another

How did your relationship with your spouse begin — with physical attraction or friendship?

If you're single, does Pastor Schlie's advice to look at friends as potential spouses change your perspective on dating a friend?

Do you know any couples who are in an "old love" marriage? What do you find most inspiring about their relationship?

## Connect Members to God

**Read 1st Cor. 13:4-7:** *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast. It is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered; it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

In the message, Pastor Schlie explains that this is what Jesus' love looks like. It's what we value in a friendship. Give examples from the Gospels of Jesus demonstrating these qualities with His followers and those He heals in His earthly ministry.

Pastor Schlie also notes that Jesus exposes our faults to make us better. How does your spouse do the same?

## Message Application

Reflect on what you and your spouse have in common. What activities or shared interests bring you closer together as friends?

If your marriage had grown distant and you worked to improve it, share with your group some tips that worked to bring you and your spouse closer.

If you are not yet married, name some of the biggest takeaways from this message series.

Do you and your spouse have a SHMILY game?



