



**Synopsis:**

**Most of this age group is either already on the path to marriage or seriously considering it. If not now, then sometime in the near future the word marriage will become a reality. It's important to understand what true biblical love is, some of the pitfalls and dangers that lead to an unsuccessful marriage as well as some of the things to ask yourself before asking "the" question.**




**Ice-Breaker:**

-  **When you were younger, how old did you think you would be when you got married?**
-  **How many of you are thinking about getting married or having a serious relationship with the purpose of getting married in the not too distant future? If so, how long until?**





**Introduction:**

**Most young adults and college/career aged adults plan on getting married or at least having a serious relationship in their future. Many are already at that stage. The prospect of marriage and family is a real possibility and a desire for many at this age. The average age for marriage in the United States is: males - 25.9 years old and females - 24.6 years old. Therefore, at your age, it is very natural to turn your thoughts toward marriage and the choosing of your mate. The next few years will be crucial in your decision-making process. That's why today we are going to discuss true love beyond just movie-flick romance or flings. We are going to look at true love that goes beyond your emotions.**



**Question One:** What causes some romantic relationships to succeed and others to fail?

-  Wrong motives/reasons to get married
-  Unbalanced
-  God
-  Misunderstanding or lack of patient to understand





**Question Three:** The Bible clearly talks about how we ought to love God. Read **Mark 12:29 – 30**. What does it say about loving God?

-  Heart
-  Soul
-  Mind
-  Strength

**Question Two:** What does the Bible say about romantic/marriage relationship?

-  Read Ephesians 5:22-25
-  Much like the relationship between the church and God

**Question Four:** What does it mean to love someone with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength?

-  Heart = emotional
-  Soul = spiritual / unity (Philippians 2:2)
-  Mind = intellectual
-  Strength = physical

