

Community Group Questions Before It Starts

LEAN IN

- Who was your childhood crush?
- If you had a friend preparing for marriage, what advice would you give them?

LOOK DOWN Read Ecclesiastes 9:9; Ephesians 5:31-33

- What can we learn about marriage from these verses?
- How does the relationship found in a marriage represent the relationship between Christ and the church?

LOOK OUT

- Les and Leslie Parrott, the authors of the book "Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts," give 5 rules for successful communication. How could you see these rules help communication be successful? What's one of these rules that you could work on?
 - 1. Make "I" statements not "you" statements
 - 2. Practice reflective listening
 - 3. Apologize when necessary
 - 4. Power down and get offline
 - 5. Don't forget to communicate through appropriate touch

LOOK IN Read James 1:19

• Out of the instructions given by James, which is easiest for you to follow? Which is the hardest?