



## Study guide for Wednesday, February 22

### 6:00 and 8:00 pm

Welcome to the final week of “Enriching Marriage – Interactive Faith.” Each week in February, I have taught a small section of a *different* WELS Marriage Enrichment & Getaway Weekend. These studies are archived on wels.net so you can use them as a couple, in your small group and you can refer a friend to them. Just send the link or invite another couple to join you.

1. February 1 – Discover the mystery of marriage (from *Mysterious Marriage*)
2. February 8 – Appreciate your incompatibility (from *Simply Marriage*)
3. February 15 – Listen and speak to show love and respect (from *Richer Marriage*)
4. **February 22 – “Special-ize” your marriage (from *Distracted Marriage*)**

Find the 2017 schedule of WELS Marriage and Getaway Weekends on the last page of this study guide. Go to [wels.net/adult-discipleship](http://wels.net/adult-discipleship) to find more information or to register. Make Interactive Faith and WELS Marriage Enrichment & Getaway Weekends part of your marriage, your spiritual growth and your outreach.

Here’s the map of learning for *Distracted Marriage*. Tonight, I’ll teach you five ways to “specialize” your marriage.

## Distracted Marriage

### Goals

- *To gain a clearer picture of how we will bring glory to God and joy to each other*
- *To identify distractions from that vision so we can more fully enjoy what we have*
- *To agree to ongoing actions that will help us overcome distractions and feel like we’re making progress toward our vision*

### To overcome the problems of distraction in your marriage...

1. *Give your marriage the attention it needs*
2. *Build your connection by taking time*
3. *Tune in to each other*
4. *Practice struggle-stoppers*
5. ***“Special-ize” your marriage***

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# “Special-ize” your marriage

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Read the following passages (or the one assigned to your group). Enter into the message box as soon as you can as many conclusions as you can about the Lord’s \_\_\_\_\_ to you.

## *Genesis 3:8–11*

<sup>8</sup> Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

<sup>10</sup> He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

<sup>11</sup> And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

## *Genesis 11:1–9*

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. <sup>2</sup> As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

<sup>3</sup> They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

<sup>5</sup> But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. <sup>6</sup> The LORD said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”

<sup>8</sup> So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. <sup>9</sup> That is why it was called Babel—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world.

## *Exodus 24:9–12*

<sup>9</sup> Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up <sup>10</sup> and saw the God of Israel. Under <sup>11</sup> feet was something like a pavement made of sapphire, clear as the sky itself. <sup>12</sup> But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and commands I have written for their instruction.”

*Matthew 8:23–27*

<sup>23</sup> Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. <sup>24</sup> Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. <sup>25</sup> The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!”

<sup>26</sup> He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

<sup>27</sup> The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!”

*Luke 15:1–7*

Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup> and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

*Luke 22:54–62*

<sup>54</sup> Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. <sup>55</sup> But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. <sup>56</sup> A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, “This man was with him.”

<sup>57</sup> But he denied it. “Woman, I don’t know him,” he said.

<sup>58</sup> A little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.”

“Man, I am not!” Peter replied.

<sup>59</sup> About an hour later another asserted, “Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.”

<sup>60</sup> Peter replied, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup> The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” <sup>62</sup> And he went outside and wept bitterly.

1. Know what your spouse \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ & communicate what you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.



Privately, prepare to answer your spouse's question, "What do you \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?"

2. Provide something \_\_\_\_\_



Privately, prepare to tell your spouse 2 details you \_\_\_\_\_ about his/her  
life, work, talents, looks, actions, etc.

3. Create \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_



A current \_\_\_\_\_ I like is...

Maybe we could create a \_\_\_\_\_ about...

4. Set \_\_\_\_\_



One thing I will do to \_\_\_\_\_ our time together is...

5. Infuse \_\_\_\_\_



I liked it when you put \_\_\_\_\_ into...

**Our plan to keep alive and use what we've learned tonight:**



## WELS Marriage Enrichment & Getaway Weekends

Find what thousands of couples have discovered at WELS Marriage Enrichment & Getaway Weekends: gospel teaching, practical biblical application to marriage, learning, relaxation, laughter and sometime tears, recommitment to marriage, strengthening of faith, prayer and more. Pastors who attend receive the resources to take home and use in their congregations. Make it part of your marriage and your church's ministry. Register at [wels.net/adult-discipleship](http://wels.net/adult-discipleship).

### 2017 WELS Marriage Enrichment & Getaway Weekends

#### Chaska, MN

Richer Marriage at Oak Ridge Hotel & Conference Center  
January 27-29

#### Green Lake, WI

Healthy Marriage at Green Lake Conference Center  
February 10-12



### COMING SOON!

#### Zion, IL

Healthy Marriage  
The Inn at Market Square  
March 17-19



#### Leesburg, VA (Washington DC area)

Mysterious Marriage at The Clarion Inn, Historic Leesburg  
April 21-23



#### Carefree, AZ (Phoenix area)

Mysterious Marriage at Carefree Resort  
July 14-16



#### Orlando, FL

Mysterious Marriage at Orlando Marriott Lake Mary  
August 4-6

#### Napa Valley, CA

Mysterious Marriage (in negotiations with the location)  
September 15-17



#### Deadwood, SD

Mysterious Marriage at The Lodge at Deadwood  
October 20-22