

Harvest Bible Chapel
Small Group Questions
September 20, 2009

Five Threats to Marriage
Heb. 13:1-6

1. What is the condition of the grass in your yard? Does it have weeds? How much effort does it take to grow weeds? How much effort does it take to grow grass?

2. Read Hebrews 13:4. How is marriage dishonored in our culture?
Consider the following sub-groups of the “all” mentioned in this verse.

- Those currently married
- Those potentially (not yet) married
- Those formerly married

List practical ways these sub-groups can “hold marriage in honor?”

What might make it difficult for some in these sub-groups to consider marriage “honorable?”

3. What was your reaction to Mike and Leigh Anne Harris’ story? What weeds led to their divorce? Do you see any of the same pattern in your marriage?

4. What threat has had the biggest impact on your marriage.

Rate how much each threat has affected your marriage by circling the appropriate word.

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| • Unbiblical Cultural Influences | Little? | Moderate? | Significant ? |
| • Performance based love | Little? | Moderate? | Significant ? |
| • Extramarital “affairs” | Little? | Moderate? | Significant ? |
| • Wrong Perspective on Trials | Little? | Moderate? | Significant ? |
| • Selfishness | Little? | Moderate? | Significant ? |

What specific challenges have you faced in your marriage because of this threat?

5. Which kind of “affair” is most tempting to you?

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| o activities | o career | o fantasy |
| o materialism | o family/children | o adultery |

Will you repent of your spiritual, emotional, or physical adultery and return to the spouse of your covenant? Will you confess your “affair” to your spouse as sin and seek forgiveness?

6. What trials are you going through right now? Does your marriage have the “Midianite Syndrome?” (They “turned the sword upon their companion” when attacked by the enemy. Judge 7:22)