

**IDEA CARD**

Marriages

**LOCATION #1: Appetizer/Past**

Spend some time reminiscing about the beginning of your relationship:

1. **The first time you met…**
2. **One of the qualities that first drew you to each other…**
3. **Funniest memory together…**
4. **Favorite memory from your wedding…**

**LOCATION #2: Main Course/Present**

God desires for marriage to be a picture of the Gospel – the loving relationship between Christ and His Church. How well is your marriage presently modeling the Gospel to one another, to your family and friends? With 5 as the highest score, each spouse rate how you feel your marriage reflects each of the following qualities…

*Love and Respect* 5 4 3 2 1

*Forgiveness and Grace* 5 4 3 2 1

*Submission and Service* 5 4 3 2 1

*Sacrifice and Giving* 5 4 3 2 1

*Joy and Hope* 5 4 3 2 1

*Humility and Selflessness* 5 4 3 2 1

Offer one idea of how **you** can help improve a low scoring category.

**LOCATION #3: Coffee or Dessert/Future**

Finish your evening by dreaming together for your future. Pick two ways you want to intentionally grow together:

* **Pray together at least twice a week**
* **Go on a date night to connect twice a month**
* **Memorize a Bible verse together**
* **Read through a book of the Bible together**
* **Start a marriage Bible study together**
* **Listen to a sermon online and talk about it**
* **Weekly discuss one thing God is teaching you through His Word**
* **Find a place to serve together**

Share something you’ve never done but would love to experience together in the future.

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**PROGRESSIVE**

**DATE NIGHT**

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**Best Use**

A date night discussion guide for a husband and wife to enjoy a *“progressive meal”* together to celebrate the past, evaluate how their marriage is currently going, and dream about the future.

**Advance Preparation**

Plan a date that involves three locations – one for an appetizer/salad, one for a main course, and one to enjoy dessert or coffee together. This could be as elaborate as three different restaurants or as simple as three different rooms in the house.