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## SMALL GROUP ICEBREAKERS



A Small Group Resources  
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## ICEBREAKER ACTIVITIES

### What's Included:

- How Observant Are You? Quiz
- "Getting to Know You" Date Night Questionnaire
- Three Small Group Icebreaker Games

### The Benefit of Icebreakers:

- They help a new group get to know each other.
- They create the tone for the topic you'll be studying.

*We hope these resources will help jumpstart your Marriage Building 101 small group study. They can also be used as ideas for any other group study you do.*



# HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

Here's something that will get you thinking...and looking.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. On a standard traffic light is the green on the top or bottom?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. What two numbers on a telephone keypad don't have letters by them?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. How many colors are in a rainbow?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. How many sides are on a standard pencil?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Whose face is on a nickel?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. How many curves are in a standard paper clip?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. How many sides does a stop sign have?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. On which side of a man's shirt are the buttons? (Left or Right)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Which King in a deck of playing cards has no mustache?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. How many hot dog buns are in a standard package?

Fold to hide answer key. No Peeking.

Note: This quiz was compiled from multiple sources.

- ANSWER KEY
1. Green is located on the bottom.
  2. 1 and 0
  3. Seven
  4. Six
  5. Thomas Jefferson
  6. Three
  7. Eight
  8. Right
  9. King of Hearts
  10. Eight



# GETTING TO KNOW YOU

After getting married, it can be easy to fall into a pattern of not dating your spouse anymore. When you dated each other, you asked questions and wanted to know more about each other. That desire to know each other better builds a strong sense of intimacy and allows you to continue growing together as you grow individually.

## HOW TO USE THIS:

**Plan a date night with your spouse.** It doesn't have to be fancy. Just find a place where you can go and just talk. Bring these questions and start learning more about each other. It may feel silly at first, but you will learn something about them that you never knew.

1. What is your favorite snack?
2. What would be the perfect meal?
3. What is your favorite color? Why?
4. What is your favorite song? Why?
5. What is your favorite book?
6. Do you prefer fiction or non-fiction books?
7. Would you rather go to a play or a movie?
8. Would you rather hike or bike?
9. Do you prefer the mountains or the beach?
10. Would you rather fly or drive?
11. Would you rather watch TV or read a book?
12. If you could go anywhere in the world right now, where would you go? Why?
13. What has been the biggest challenge in your life?
14. What is your biggest success to date?
15. What do you miss most?
16. What is your favorite memory? Why?

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17. What did you want to be growing up?
18. If money were no object, what would you choose to do all day?
19. What would a perfect day be for you?
20. If you could have a superpower what would you choose?
21. What is your biggest frustration at work?
22. If you could try any job for a day, what job would it be?
23. What do you wish more people knew about you?
24. What is your least favorite chore?
25. Have you ever had a nickname? What was it? Who used it?
26. What is your biggest pet peeve?
27. What is your favorite holiday? Why?
28. What is the craziest thing you've ever done?
29. What three things do you think about the most on a daily basis?
30. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

**Take note of the answers your spouse shares. Ask more questions.**

**No matter how long you've been married, you're never past the dating phase.**



# MORE ICEBREAKERS

## Fact or Fiction

**THE GOAL:** To get people to learn more about each other and warm up a new group.

### How it works:

1. Give each person a piece of paper. Ask each person to write down two “facts” and one “fiction” thing about themselves.
2. Have each person take turns reading their three things and have the rest of the group vote on what they think is true.
3. If you want to be able to crown a winner, each person should keep track of their right and wrong guesses. The person with the most right answers wins. Prizes are optional.

## Guess Who

**THE GOAL:** To get people to learn more about each other and break down a large group setting into smaller groups.

### How it works:

1. Divide your group into two teams. (If you want to introduce new people into the group, be sure to break the groups up appropriately to do that.)
2. Give every person a blank slip of paper and have them write three facts about themselves. (Example: I’ve been parasailing. My dog’s name is Trevor. I can cross my toes.) The facts can be odd or everyday details. The goal is for each person to share something that others may not know about them.
3. Compile each team’s cards. One person will serve as the card reader.
4. The card reader takes turns reading an opposing team’s card to the other team. The goal is for each team to guess the person’s name before all five clues have been read. If they guess on the first try they get 5 points, then 4,3,2,1. If they fail to guess within the 5 facts, they get no points, and it’s the next team’s turn.
5. Once all cards have been read, the team with the most points wins.

## The Elevator Game

Joe called this The Elevator Game based on the idea that you're never in an elevator longer than one minute, but it feels like forever because everyone stares awkwardly at the buttons. Instead of standing there quietly, the idea is to get comfortable talking about unfamiliar topics with unfamiliar topics.

**THE GOAL: To get people used to communicating with each other. This is particularly good if the lesson that week is about communication.**

When Joe was a school principal, this game was one of his favorites to engage students in speaking in front of their peers. He would select students from the crowd and have them speak about a single noun (example: shoelaces) for one minute in front of the group. This was a great way to get people used to speaking in front of each other in a funny way.

### How it works:

1. Have each member contribute a noun (a person, place or thing) by writing it on a scrap of paper and folding it. All pieces should be collected and put in a container (cup or something similar).
2. Depending on your group and meeting style, you can ask for volunteers or draw numbers. (If you choose to draw numbers, have the group number off and write each individual's number on a scrap piece of paper. Place those pieces in another cup and have the group leader draw a number at random. That person has to take a turn.)
3. When the participant is selected, that person has to draw a noun and speak non-stop on the selected topic for one minute. (OTHER OPTIONS: Other time options include having them speak for 2 or 3 minutes.)

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We hope these icebreaker games help facilitate a great time getting to know each other and study God's Word.

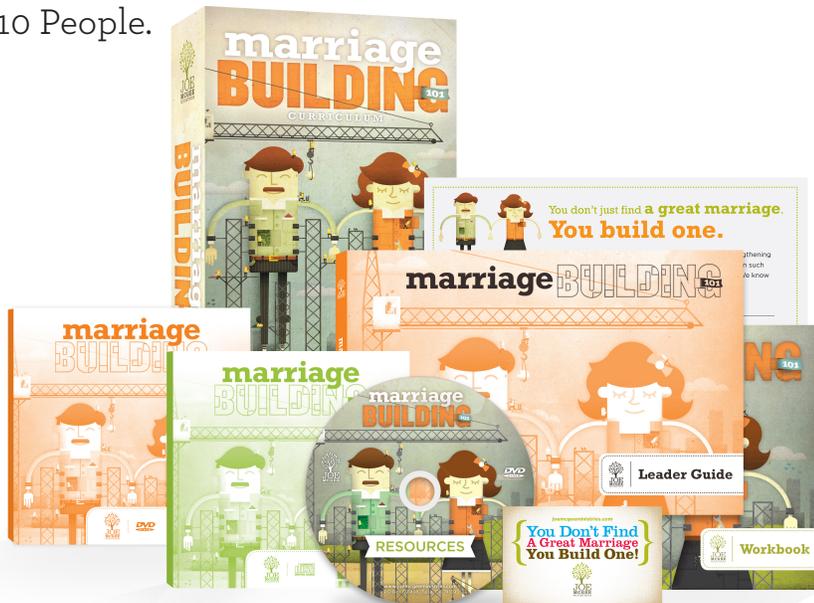
We would love to hear from you! Let us know what has worked and what could be improved in this small group resource. Either for the MarriageBuilding 101 class or these icebreakers. If you have ideas for games or topics that have worked well for you, please share and we may include them in a small group blog post.

Send your comments to Corrie Michelle ([corrie@joemcgeeministries.com](mailto:corrie@joemcgeeministries.com)).

# GET YOUR SMALL GROUP KIT

## The Class Kit

Everything you need for a class of 10 People.



## Class Kit Includes:

- 1 Leader Guide
- 10 Participant Workbooks
- 6 DVD's (One for each week)
- 6 CD's (Featuring the audio version of the teaching)
- 1 Class Certificate 5-Pack (This would facilitate a class of up to 10 couples.)
- 10 Marriage Building 101 Prayer Cards (This would facilitate a class of up to 10 people.)
- Promotional Disc

## Promotional Disc Includes:

- Class Promotional video with Joe
- Bulletin insert (Printable PDF)
- Class Poster (11x17 Printable PDF)
- Customizable Promo Postcard (5x7 - vertical + horizontal Printable PDF) and slide.  
\*These cards can be used also be printed as handouts.
- Class Handouts (these are extra supplements, not required for the class - Printable PDFs)
- Social media quote boxes (one for each weekly lesson)

## The Individual Kit

Just right for couples or groups of friends getting together to study.



## Individual Kit Includes:

- 1 Leader Guide
- 1 Participant Workbook
- 6 DVD's (One for each week)