

**RELATIONSHIP STRONG**  
**Small Group Discussion Guide**  
*Marriage Matters*

**Icebreaker:**

- Who do you know who has been married more than 40 or 50 years? What do you suppose is the secret of their marriage's longevity?
- What was your favorite love song as a teenager?

**Read: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

1. In verses 1-3, what activities are useless without love?
2. In this passage, what does the Bible writer say love is? Is not?
3. How do verses 4-8 relate to the marriage relationship?
4. What is the status of marriage in our culture today? Why?
5. True or False: Marriage is the laboratory for learning how to love.
6. In your opinion, what is the best way to develop the ability to love others?
7. Looking at the descriptions of perfect love in verses 4-7, in which one of these descriptions are you strongest? In which one are you weakest?
6. How can the practice of perfect love in verses 4-7 be of help to you...
  - In the busy, stressful seasons of life?
  - In the bountiful, peaceful seasons of life?
  - In the changes, good and not so good changes, that life brings?
  - During seasons of grief, loss and pain?
7. When in your life have you felt most loved?
8. How in this group support you in prayer now and in the coming week?