

**February 1 & 2, 2020 | Ground Rules – week 1**  
**Group Discussion Questions**

**GROUP PREP**

In preparation for group, read [Galatians 5:16-26](#) and [1 Corinthians 13:4-7](#), [watch Emmanuel's weekend service's message](#), then answer the following discussion questions.

**INTRODUCTION**

"If I marry the 'right person,' everything will be alright." That's what many of us tell ourselves when we're single. After the wedding day, you better hope your relationship is based on more than physical attraction and sexual chemistry, because that will fade over time. All relationships have hard moments, conflict, and ups and downs. If we are going to weather the storms, we must establish ground rules.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. How do you feel about the "right person" myth? Do you believe it is a myth? Why or why not? How have you seen this way of thinking affect your relationships or those of your friends?

2. Read [Galatians 5:22-23](#). Paul refers to qualities we should value. Either from this list or a list you've created, which qualities do you most value in your spouse or someone you date?

If your spouse, or the person you're dating, doesn't exhibit the qualities you mentioned, how do you typically react?

Read [1 Corinthians 13:4-7](#). People are broken, and we cannot fix them. Paul encourages us to love others well in spite of their flaws by striving for the qualities mentioned in these verses. Which of these qualities are most difficult for you to exhibit?

3. Read [Galatians 5:19-21](#). Do any of these qualities have a grip on you? Read [Galatians 5:16-17](#). How do you best recognize the sinful nature fighting against the Holy Spirit in your relationships?

Instead of fixating on finding or creating the right person, what are you doing to become the right person?

How would this perspective shift affect your current relational situation?

**ACTION STEP**

4. What is one step you can take this week to start becoming the right person?

## **OUTREACH: GROUPS IN ACTION**

To determine how your group can serve together in our community, email Breanne Schafer at [bschafer@eclife.org](mailto:bschafer@eclife.org).

### **FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW FOR THIS UPCOMING WEEK'S ACTION STEPS.**

My action step is \_\_\_\_\_.

This coming week, I will encourage \_\_\_\_\_ to complete their action step.

Their action step is \_\_\_\_\_.

My memory verse is \_\_\_\_\_.

This coming week, I will pray for the group's following prayer requests:

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