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## A Marriage Seminar Presentation - **The Christ Connected Marriage**

**Purpose:** Discussing the spiritual, emotional, and physical reactions of Christian couples that facilitate connecting with God and each other.

*God's design for His Church and Christian Couples is for the all members of the church to be a vital part of and connected to congregational life, while Christian Couples serve as an example of connecting with each other as Christ is connected to His Church. Many Christian couples suffer from being physically, emotionally and spiritually disconnected in their marriage. Marital disconnection prevents a husband, wife, or both to function fruitfully within God's kingdom! **"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church"** (Eph 5:31-32)*

**Background:** Whenever any congregation experiences individuals who are emotionally disconnected, it is imperative that church leadership responds to their needs while understanding how to develop, encourage and promote spirituality among those **couples** that need healing. When Christian couples are impaired, the thief (satan) enters the family **to kill, steal, and destroy** (John 10:10). Jesus comes to provide the abundant life that must be received through the power of light. **"If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another..."** (1 John 1:7). Couple connecting is willfully resisting the devil, and enabling the power of God through the Holy Spirit to produce the fruit necessary to feed, revive and sustain the intimate relationship bond.

**Format:** The facilitator will use self-assessment instruments, marital discussions, role play, visual presentation and questions that addresses marital disconnection, emotional disorders, and circumstances that couples experience throughout the marriage cycle and teach couples how to "plug-in" to the Godhead to gain or regain intimacy

**Itinerary:**

- Self Assessment Tools
- Introduction and overview of marital disconnection
- Understanding the end of marriage
- Emotional and Spiritual Connection
- Couple encounters and role-play
- Experiencing Connection, Caring, and Comfort within the marital union

**Desired Outcome:** Education and growth of married couples in facilitating reliance on the Godhead and use of His power to provide for the needs of couples experiencing disconnection and providing spiritual tools to restoring marital connection.