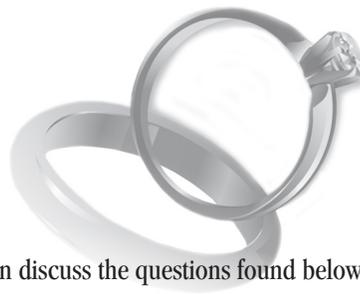


# Handout 9A

Name \_\_\_\_\_



## Small Group Activity: What Is Marriage?

In a small group, read and summarize each of following scripture passages. Then discuss the questions found below.

SCRIPTURE	SUMMARY
Deuteronomy 22:29	
Genesis 29:18-20, 27-30	
Genesis 16	
Genesis 29:15-30	
1 Kings 11:3	

### *Discussion Questions:*

1. How does each scripture passage affirm or differ from your concept of marriage?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Why do you think Church law and U.S. law both forbid polygamy?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What do you think should be a wife's proper relationship with and treatment by her husband?

# Handout 9B

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Bible Activity: Scripture Readings for the Marriage Rite

Read each of the scripture readings in your assigned group—First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, etc. Then, choose one reading that comes closest to your understanding of Christian Marriage. Be prepared to share the reasons for your choice with the class.

<b>First Reading:</b>	<b>(Choose 1)</b>
	Genesis 1:26-27, 41a God created male and female in his image.
	Genesis 2:16-24 Two will become one flesh.
	Tobit 7:9-10, 11-15 May God join you together and bless you.
	Tobit 8:5-10 May we grow old together.
	Song of Songs 2:8-10, 14, 16a; 8:6-7a Love is as strong as death.
	Jeremiah 31:31-32a, 33-34a I will make a new covenant with you.
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	<b>(Choose 1)</b>
	Psalms 33:12, 18, 20-21, 22 The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
	Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
	Psalms 103:1-2, 8, 13, 17-18a The Lord is kind and merciful.
	Psalms 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8, 9 Happy are those who do what the Lord commands.
	Psalms 145:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12ab, 12c-14a The Lord is compassionate to all his creatures.
<b>Second Reading:</b>	<b>(Choose 1)</b>
	Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39 Nothing will separate us from the love of Christ.
	1 Corinthians 12:31; 13-8a We must do all with love.
	Colossians 3:12-17 Above all, have love.
	1 John 3:18-24 Let your love be real and active.
	1 John 4:7-12 God is love.
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>(Choose 1)</b>
	Matthew 5:1-12 Blessed are they whose reward is great in heaven.
	Matthew 5:13-16 You are to be light to others.
	Matthew 21:24-25 Build your house on rock, not sand.
	Matthew 19:3-6 Let no man divide what God has joined.
	Matthew 22:35-40 Love of God and love of neighbor are the greatest commandments.
	Mark 10:6-9 Be no longer two, but one body.
	John 2:1-11 Jesus changes water into wine at a wedding.
	John 15:9-12 Dwell in my love.
	John 15:12-16 Love one another.
	John 17:20-23 May they be completely one.

# Handout 9C

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Journal Reflection: How Adultery Hurts

1. How are each of the following people hurt by adultery?

A. The spouse who cheats

B. The spouse who is cheated on

C. The “other” person

D. The children of the spouses

E. The friends of the married couple

2. Why is adultery a sin against God and the Church?

3. Do you think there should ever be a double standard when it comes to rights within marriage? Should husband and wife truly be equal in all things? Explain.

# Handout 9D

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Small Group Activity: Working toward Fidelity

Work with your own small group and make a list of ten practical ways that you and other teenagers can begin to cultivate the attribute of fidelity in your own lives now.

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# Handout 9E

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Research Activity: Holy Couples

A number of canonized saints in the Church were married men and women. Sometimes only one member of the married couple has been canonized, but in other cases, both the man and the woman have been canonized together. These saints are good role models and show how marriage in Christ makes growth in holiness possible.

Here is a list of saints who were married (couples are listed together). Also included are Louis and Zelig Martin, the parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, who were beatified together in October 2008. Using the Internet or books from the library, research one of these saints or couples. Then answer the questions below.

### Married Saints:

Ann and Joachim	Peter
Margaret of Scotland	Elizabeth of Hungary
Thomas More	Edward the Confessor
Joseph and Mary	Monica
Perpetua and Felicity	Elizabeth of Portugal
Stephen of Hungary	Louis and Zelig Martin
Isidore and Maria	Frances of Rome
Bridget of Sweden	Elizabeth Ann Seton
Henry	

Saint(s) chosen: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Summary of life:

2. How was the saint(s) holy?

3. What can Christian couples today learn from this saint or saints?