

**Episode 2: Strengthening the Marriages in your Small Group**

Episode Notes:

In this episode of the Real Life Group Leadership Podcast, host Chris Short welcomes Bill Krause - Real Life Family Pastor and Sara Short - Groups Team Leader at the Post Falls Campus. Their discussion is centered on how you, as a Small Group Leader, can help encourage and strengthen the marriages of those in your group.  Both Bill and Sara bring a wealth of experience to the topic, and they each have a unique perspective that will give you different tools to put into play right away as you shepherd your group.

Some of the things they address are:

* What kind of impact do small groups have on marriages?
* What impact does serving in ministry have on a marriage?
* How can a small group strengthen the marriages of its members?
* What part does the leader play?
* What happens if group members are not transparent about their marriage struggles? How can you as a leader dig a little deeper?
* What are you asking from me as a leader? Am I expected to be a marriage counselor?
* How should group leaders respond in a reactive situation?
* What do you do if a member expects you to take on their problems for them?

RESOURCES:

We want to encourage all of you as leaders to take advantage of our classes on marriage that are available. We want our leader’s marriages to be the healthiest -  you are only going to lead as healthy as you are.

You can check out the current classes by clicking below: <https://www.reallifeministries.com/classes>

You can download the Marriage Scripture Prayer Cards Bill mentions here: [Marriage Scriptures Prayer Cards](https://reallifeministries.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/Media/2022/Real+Life+Resources/HusbandsWivesBreakout.pdf)

You can find videos and studies on marriage on Right Now Media at the link below. (Remember - if you are a member of Real Life Ministries you can utilize this [platform for free](https://www.reallifeministries.com/post-falls/resources/right-now-media).)

[Right Now Media: Marriage](https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/library/118)

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