# WEEK 4: FIND A WIFE NOT "LET LOVE FIND YOU"

### GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

#### PREPARE

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#### **MAIN POINT**

Marriage rates in the US are at the lowest point in history. Marriage has been presented as something to delay and something that could lower your happiness, despite research that points to the happiness of marriage. Men are pursuing less for a myriad of reasons. Some look to the culture that has caused men to pull back for fear of being called toxic. Some look to men who have decided not to pursue. The cliché to "let love find you," is upended by the counsel from the wisdom writer to "find a wife." Often love does not find you; you must go searching. The Proverb holds women in high regard (she is a blessing, you don't deserve her, and pursue her). Whether married or single, men must be found and go find. Be found by God and go pursue.

## LEAN IN BREAK THE ICE

Who is one of your favorite couples from a book, movie, or TV show? What makes you love that couple so much?

LOOK DOWN LOOK AT GOD'S WORD

Read Proverbs 18:22

A man who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD.

According to Proverbs 18:22, what does it mean to "find a wife," and why is this considered a good thing?

What does the author of Proverbs mean when he says that a man who finds a wife "obtains favor from the LORD"? Does God love married people more?

LOOK OUT
IDENTIFY THE
RELEVANCE OF
GOD'S WORD IN
THE WORLD

How does modern culture usually describe or portray "finding love"?

What qualities does our society tend to value most in relationships, and how does that compare with Proverbs?

What pressures in our culture make it hard to prioritize character over appearance or success in choosing a spouse?

LOOK IN
APPLY GOD'S
WORD TO YOUR
LIFE

What is most discouraging to you about how culture handles romance and intimacy today?

Do you find it easy or difficult to consider biblical qualities of a potential spouse? Why?

What is most encouraging to you about what Scripture (specifically Proverbs) tells us about finding a spouse?