

# The Riedy Reader

## August 2019



“Moving from Isolation to Oneness”...Anyone who has attended a Weekend to Remember® Marriage Getaway in the past would recognize this as one of the main themes of the weekend. For years, the event started by exploring our natural, sinful drift toward isolation, and focused on how God’s redemptive work can draw us into oneness—with God first and then with each other. This past season (Fall 2018-Spring 2019) we have begun highlighting one more step in this journey—Impact. This concept has always been a part of who we are. As a part of Cru®, evangelism and the ‘win-build-send’ model is part of our organization ‘DNA’. God does not just draw us to oneness so that we have warm, fuzzy feelings but rather that we use our oneness to impact the world around us for Christ. This has been reflected in our mission statement, “To effectively develop godly marriages and families who change the world one home at a time.”

Why do we strive to ‘effectively develop godly marriages and families’? So that **those families** (the ‘who’ in our statement) can ‘change the world one home at a time’.

Sounds like a great message, right? But is anyone still attending conferences? This event has been around for decades, is it still worth doing? Well, we sure think so! As a matter of fact, over 59,500 people attended a Weekend to Remember last season. That is the third-highest average attendance per event in the past 12 years! **God did amazing things this year including:**

- 909 Indicated they accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior
- 10,238 Told us they recommitted their life and family to Christ
- 10,890 Shared with us that they prayed to be filled with the Holy Spirit

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Also, highlighting this path of **Isolation—Oneness—Impact** has led to record breaking numbers attending the breakout about how guests can impact their communities for Christ—exciting!



## Riedy's Hit the Road—Heading to KY and MI



We would love to connect with YOU! Contact us to get together, or here are some group possibilities!

In **Kentucky—on Tuesday, September 3** from **4 - 7 pm** drop-by social

Cafe 920 at Southeast Christian Church—920 Blankenbaker Parkway, Louisville, KY 40243

In **Michigan—on Tuesday, September 10th** from **6 - 7pm** for a ministry presentation-bring a friend to learn about FamilyLife as a whole, and our role there! Or from **7 - 8:30 pm** drop by and visit as you can.

ALL INVITED—Berean Bible Church—35375 Ann Arbor Tr., Livonia, MI 48150

Attending church in Michigan—Cornerstone EPC, 10am Sept 8th — Berean Bible, 10am Sept 15

**For those not in these areas, please keep us in prayer during these days as we travel & connect with others!**



### The Dream for Marriage

Figure 1



### The Fall of Marriage

Figure 2



### The Hope for Marriage

Figure 3



### The Mission of Marriage

Figure 4

One of the new tools, still in progress, we are giving to our Weekend to Remember guests to help with impact are the diagrams above. Often, after attending our marriage getaway, couples are asked, 'So, what did you learn? What was the weekend about?' This can be an open door for sharing the gospel. We are helping our guests take advantage of this opportunity by teaching them this little diagram story.

Most couples dream of oneness in marriage (figure 1), sin and selfishness cause this dream to fail (figure 2), the gospel brings hope to marriage (figure 3), and oneness in marriage is designed to help spread the gospel to the world around us (figure 4). In some ways, you could consider this the FamilyLife version of the classic Cru '4 Spiritual Laws' - **1.** God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life. **2.** Man is sinful and separated from God. Therefore, he cannot know and experience God's love and plan for his life. **3.** Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. Through Him you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life. **4.** We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives.

Pray for the thousands who are now equipped with this gospel tool, that they would impact the world around them in multiplying ways!

In Him,

Eric & Deb

Tear & Prayer

Pray for the Riedy Family  
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Help for today. Hope for tomorrow.

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**Pray** for the upcoming school year, Amanda in 10th grade at home, Brenna & Charissa both at College of the Ozarks—Freshman & Senior

**Pray** for direction for Charissa-she graduates in Dec. (ceremony in May) & looks for a full time job

**Pray** for an Oct. Donor Getaway that Eric & I will be helping staff-that guests will come & get a vision for how God is using FamilyLife

**Praise** for my recovery from surgery in time to fully participate in Staff Conference (more about Cru19 in Sept. Riedy Reader) & safety for girls at home

**Prayer & Praise** for new staff joining Eric's team at FamilyLife.