

# THE **WOW** DATE NIGHT

*In the day-to-day* of family, jobs, ministry, schedules, etc., it's easy to take your spouse for granted. Whether it's because we make assumptions, get lazy, fall into patterns, or focus more on our spouse's negatives than their positives, it's easy to forget why we fell in love in the first place. We let the busyness of life squeeze all the joy out of being married. That's why we want to help you encourage your spouse and your love for them!

For the 'Wow' Date Night, we have provided some questions to help you share specific reasons why you still love one another. Don't feel any pressure to discuss all of the questions – they are meant to be a guide for your date night. On your 'Wow' Date Night, the goal is for you to spend some time laughing, sharing, remembering, and encouraging each other with things that make you say 'Wow' about one another.

# Part 1

Choose a place to eat dinner (if you have kids, leave them with a sitter!). Pick a place that makes you say 'Wow' because the food is great, the quantity of food is great, it's a place you've never been to or have always wanted to go, or because it's a place where you have some fun memories together.

## **While you're driving to dinner, discuss the following:**

- When we were dating, I tried to get you to say 'Wow' by . . .
- When we dated, the thing about you that made me say 'Wow' was . . .
- Something funny that only you know about me or that I only know about you is . . .
- Something I don't say "thank you" for nearly enough is . . .

## **At dinner, discuss the following:**

- What about this restaurant makes you say, 'Wow'?
- What's the hardest we have ever laughed in our marriage/relationship?
- The thing about you that MOST makes me say 'Wow' is . . .
- Something your spouse doesn't get enough credit for from others that makes you say 'Wow' is . . .

**FOR FUN:** At dinner, keep track of the number of times you say the word 'Wow' when you talk with your waiter and order your food (for example – "Wow! This is a great menu! Wow! I can't wait to eat the food. Wow, that lobster ravioli sounds amazing!). Try not to scare your waiter, at least not too much . . .

- 1 point for each use of the word 'Wow' by you or your spouse.
- 2 points if you can get your waiter to say 'Wow!'
- 3 bonus points for ordering your food with a ridiculous, fake foreign accent, while saying the word 'Wow!'
- Total and post your score on the 'Date Night Done Right' Facebook Event page – valuable cash and prizes may be at stake!

*Hope you enjoyed your meal together!*

# Part 2

Drive to your favorite dessert place or coffee shop. Pick a place where you'll be able to enjoy some good conversation.

## **As you drive, discuss the following:**

- Your favorite way to waste time with your spouse.
- An embarrassing moment in my life that I have never shared with you was when I . . .
- For parents: The thing about you as a parent that makes me say, 'Wow!' is the way you . . .

## **Over dessert or coffee, discuss each of the following:**

- I understand more about Jesus because of the way you . . .
- I am more like Christ today because of the way you . . .
- Share a passage of Scripture you read recently and why it was encouraging or challenging to you.

## **As you head back home, discuss:**

- Something new you learned about your spouse . . .
- The most encouraging thing you said to me tonight was . . .

## **Share your experience:**

- Post any pictures, quotes, stories, point totals, etc. from your 'Wow' Date on the 'Date Night Done Right' Facebook Event page.
- If you tweet, follow us on Twitter at @wm\_datennight or post about your date by using #wmdn2011 Final Instructions . . .
- Kiss your spouse at the door on the way in. You know where to take it from here . . . (Hint: Think WOW!)