

Idea Card

PROGRESSIVE DATE NIGHT

Best Use

A date night discussion guide for a husband and wife to enjoy a "progressive meal" together to celebrate the past, evaluate how their marriage is currently going, and dream about the future.

Advance Preparation

Plan a date that involves three locations – one for an appetizer/salad, one for a main course, and one to enjoy dessert or coffee together. This could be as elaborate as three different restaurants or as simple as three different rooms in the house.

LOCATION #1: Appetizer/Past

Spend some time reminiscing about the beginning of your relationship:

1. **The first time you met...**
2. **One of the qualities that first drew you to each other...**
3. **Funniest memory together...**
4. **Favorite memory from your wedding...**

LOCATION #2: Main Course/Present

God desires for marriage to be a picture of the Gospel – the loving relationship between Christ and His Church. How well is your marriage presently modeling the Gospel to one another, to your family and friends? With 5 as the highest score, each spouse rate how you feel your marriage reflects each of the following qualities...

<i>Love and Respect</i>	5	4	3	2	1
<i>Forgiveness and Grace</i>	5	4	3	2	1
<i>Submission and Service</i>	5	4	3	2	1
<i>Sacrifice and Giving</i>	5	4	3	2	1
<i>Joy and Hope</i>	5	4	3	2	1
<i>Humility and Selflessness</i>	5	4	3	2	1

Offer one idea of how **you** can help improve a low scoring category.

LOCATION #3: Coffee or Dessert/Future

Finish your evening by dreaming together for your future. Pick two ways you want to intentionally grow together:

- **Pray together at least twice a week**
- **Go on a date night to connect twice a month**
- **Memorize a Bible verse together**
- **Read through a book of the Bible together**
- **Start a marriage Bible study together**
- **Listen to a sermon online and talk about it**
- **Weekly discuss one thing God is teaching you through His Word**
- **Find a place to serve together**

Share something you've never done but would love to experience together in the future.