

Small-Group Notes

Unity | Week 5 United Marriage

Ephesians 5:21-33

The mystery of marriage is that two are now one. This is a moment in time at the wedding and a lifelong process that happens throughout the marriage. This is both a joy and a challenge. Moses, Paul and Jesus call it a “mystery.” Just as Satan desires to divide and destroy the church, he also desires to divide and destroy our marriages and families. Truth unifies. A united marriage is both powerful and fulfilling.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What was the most encouraging thing that happened to you or your family this week?
- In your family of origin, how was marriage modeled for you?

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What does it look like to submit yourselves to others?
2. Read aloud **Ephesians 5:21-33**. What is the hardest thing about submitting to someone else?
3. What conflicts do you see between this passage and today's culture?
4. How does a wife's respect and submission to her husband fulfill God's purpose for marriage?
5. How does a husband's sacrificial love for his wife and submission to Jesus fulfill God's purpose for marriage?
6. Read aloud **Philippians 2:5-11**. How does this passage describe Jesus?
7. What are some practical ways you can love and serve others like Jesus:
 - In your home?
 - At work?
 - In your community?

PRAYER

Take time to pray for each other in your group.

ACTION ITEMS

Our next baptism weekend will be November 14 & 15. To learn more and to register, visit <http://baptism.sv.cc>