

Take Back Your Family || Why Marriage Matters

Group Notes

INTRODUCTION

Marriage is the first human-to-human relationship ever established and the Bible says that marriage is a mystery. That does not mean we can never figure it out, but it does mean there is deep theology in marriage. It is a reflection of the Trinity, it is two becoming one. It is the “mingling of souls.” There is deep meaning and purpose to marriage.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. What was the best moment of your summer?
2. What is the worst marriage (or relationship) advice you have ever heard?

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What are you learning right now in your marriage? If you are not married, what are you learning from the marriages around you?
2. Read [Matthew 19:4-6](#). In what ways can a husband and wife demonstrate they are united as one?
3. Chad mentioned marriage as a “mingling of souls.” What does that mean?
4. The Bible says, “Marriage is a mystery.” Before you were married, what parts of marriage seemed most mysterious? Are there parts of marriage that still seem mysterious?
5. You have probably heard this passage at a wedding: [1 Corinthians 13:4-7](#).
4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5** It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **6** Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7** It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
 - a. Which description of love (from 1 Corinthians 13:4-7) challenges you the most?
 - b. Which description best describes your spouse? If you are not married, which characteristic are you most looking for in another person?

PRAYER

Today we discussed marriage as something God gave us to learn to give and serve. Take a few moments to talk to God silently. Ask him to give you wisdom of the mystery of marriage and to show you any steps he wants you to take today within your marriage or relationship.

As a group, pray out loud for yourselves and the person on your left using this guide:

"God, give me wisdom of what we discussed today. Please help (person next to you) in his/her relationships and any steps you want him/her to take."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Group notes are available in the Sun Valley app! You can download the Sun Valley app in the app store.
- Want to dive deeper into God's Word and what you discussed in group? Sign up for the Sun Valley daily devotionals at daily.sv.cc.