

## Sermon Notes

**Big Idea:** Who gets to define marriage? What is marriage designed for? What's required to have a good marriage? What can a healthy marriage show others? How can a broken marriage be restored? It's time to discover why marriage matters.

**We all approach the topic of marriage through our own filters.**

**How God defined marriage, and how God designed marriage, matters.**

**Ephesians 5:22-33 (ESV)**

**Marriage Defined: A Covenant**

**Genesis 2:24 (ESV)**

**Covenant: An exclusive Commitment, permeated in Love.**

**Marriage Designed: To Cleanse and to Complement.**

**Marriage refines a person like no other relationship,  
as a man and a woman learn to live as one.**

**What Christian Marriage Requires:**

**Ephesians 5:18-21 (NIV)**

- Spouses who are Spirit-Filled.

**You can't give Love if you're not receiving it.**

- Spouses who are Self-Sacrificing

**The number one enemy of your marriage is your own self-centeredness.**

## Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) How did you understand marriage growing up? How would you have described the purpose of marriage? What did you think it took to have a good marriage?
- 3) If married, what would you describe as the greatest blessing of your relationship? What is the greatest challenge? What do you think your spouse's answers would be?
- 4) What are your thoughts on the two requirements listed above for a God-honoring marriage? Has this been your experience? Explain.
- 5) If someone asked you how they could pray for your marriage, how would you respond?