

MARRIAGE AND THE GOSPEL

Ephesians 5:18-33

Marriage is Defined By God

Marriage is to be:

Exclusive
Intimate
Safe
Unified
Committed

Marriage is the God-ordained covenant union of one biologically-born male and one biologically-born female for the purpose of the gospel and human flourishing.

Marriage is Described for Good

Wives - submit

Husbands - love

Marriage Displays the Gospel

Marriage is not ultimate; God is.

The mystery of marriage paints a picture of our Savior.

A Jesus-first marriage points to the gospel.

GROUP / FAMILY DISCUSSION

- What are some problems you see facing married couples you know?
- Why do you believe the divorce rate is so high in America?
- What would your neighbors or co-workers say is the secret to a good marriage?
- On a scale of 1(bad) to 10(excellent), how would you rate your marriage?
- What was something that surprised you about the message?
- Read **1 Peter 3:1-7**. What are some things this passage says wives are to do / be? What are some things this passage says husbands are to do / be?
- Wives, what does Peter say is more important than external beauty?
- Husbands, what is the consequence of not loving your wife well?
- (Women) How will you practically show your husband respect this week?
- (Men) How will you treasure your wife this week?
- **Pray for your marriage with your spouse. If you are single, find a couple to pray with (for God to prepare you for marriage if it is His will) and for.**

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