

LIFE GROUP LESSON

Divine Design • Week of February 12

Read: Genesis 4:25-26

Further Study: Matthew 19:3-12

Goal: God did not create marriage for your pleasure. There is more than that at stake!

Before the Video

- Discuss how we show our “highlight reels” on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, etc. yet we seldom, if ever, show our failures and most embarrassing moments. When we see others’ more perceived perfect lives we often feel “less than” and that our lives are inferior. Do you really think your friends, neighbors and others don’t suffer from disappointment?
- Talk about a moment when you learned of the suffering of another person and how this convicted you that we are all in the same boat of human challenges.

After the Video

- The first murder in the Bible was a brother killing a brother. We all struggle with sin, selfishness, and a desire to get our own way. Why then should any couple, on the day of their wedding, expect that two flawed people could have a perfect marriage or a perfect life?

- How does this set us up for expectations which will not be met? How can a more realistic, and healthier balance of our sin and grace be shared in our relationships and marriages?

Digging into the Bible

- Read Genesis 1:27-28. God created humanity in His image and marriage for a) procreation and b) glorification. Discuss these two essentials. If we fail to do both, what happens to us as “Image Bearers”? If we do not glorify God, worship Him, and He alone, then who or what will we worship? How does self-worship get in the way of our relationship with God? How does this practice severely impact our personal relationships? Our Marriages?

Going Deeper & Action Steps

- Read Malachi 2:10-17. Notice there is a DIRECT parallel with Israel’s disobedience and infidelity with other gods (worshipping idols or self-promotion) and their infidelity with their own marriages! God is a faithful God. God demands “Fidelity”! This is one of the primary attributes of God and one which God demands of us. We can count on God. God will not leave us nor forsake us. Yet, God demands our fidelity to Him.

- Share in your group how the cross is both vertical and horizontal. When Jesus redeemed us on the cross He was restoring first our relationship with God then restoring our relationships with each other. We must repent of our infidelity to God and in our relationships.

Prayer—Pray for our Fidelity with God first. Second, pray that we may stay committed in our relationships with family, friends and marriages. Pray for the churches and marriages in our area.

DIVINE DESIGN FOR RELATIONSHIPS

Text: Genesis 4: 1-13, 25-26, Matthew 19: 3-12

PLAIN TRUTH:

Being _____ related to God enables
_____ relationships.

Power Point: Fidelity is to _____ not to _____.

Power Point: If I want to impress you it's about me,
if I want to bless you it's about you.

1. Our Fidelity with God determines the _____ of Fidelity with _____.
2. God created Marriage for _____ and _____.
3. God created us to _____.
4. Fidelity to God _____ us of _____ and enables _____.

One Year Bible Reading

Feb. 12: Exodus 34:1-35:9, Matthew 27:15-31, Psalm 33:12-22, Proverbs 9:1-6
 Feb. 13: Exodus 35:10-36:38, Matthew 27:32-66, Psalm 34:1-10, Proverbs 9:7-8
 Feb. 14: Exodus 37:1-38:31, Matthew 28:1-20, Psalm 34:11-22, Proverbs 9:9-10
 Feb. 15: Exodus 39:1-40:38, Mark 1:1-28, Psalm 35:1-16, Proverbs 9:11-12
 Feb. 16: Leviticus 1:1-3:17, Mark 1:29-2:12, Psalm 35:17-28, Proverbs 9:13-18
 Feb. 17: Leviticus 4:1-5:19, Mark 2:13-3:6, Psalm 36:1-12, Proverbs 10:1-2
 Feb. 18: Leviticus 6:1-7:27, Mark 3:7-30, Psalm 37:1-11, Prov. 10:3-4

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