MARRIAGE IN THE BACKGROUND Why Marriage? September 19, 2021

Our vows should reflect the sacred of marriage. Isaiah 54:4-6 Malachi 2:13-16 1 Corinthians 7:1-5 Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. Our marriages are to be an important part of our ______. Ephesians 5:22-32

1 Timothy 3:1-7

Scripture and with a marriage. Genesis 2 Revelation 19:6-9 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' Revelation 21:1-4 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Who we marry is important to God and the ______ of Marriage. Genesis 24:1-4 Genesis 28:1-9 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

Life Group Homework Marriage in the Background September 19, 2021

Getting to Know You

1. What was the most amazing wedding you ever observed? What set it apart from others?

Going Deeper

- 1. Read Hosea 2:14-23 and Isaiah 62:5. What is the significance of God's commitment to Israel? What differences are there between relating as Master/Slave and Husband/Wife?
- 2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. What is the ministry we now have in Christ? How is this ministry revealed in our marriages as a witness to the world?
- 3. Why did Abraham and Jacob not want their boys to marry a Canaanite?