

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

“Marriage Mistakes” – Pastor Chad Gilligan 2.18.24

1) Is there something in your life you are trying to improve. How did it go?

Read Matthew 19:4-6 – “‘Haven't you read' he replied, 'that at the beginning the Creator made male and female. and said For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together let no one separate.’”

2) What is the best marriage example you have seen in your life? What made it so special?

3) What are some of the things that can separate / divide spouses?

4) How do you keep the fire burning in marriage?

Read Ephesians 5:21 – “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

5) Submission in our culture is a loaded word. How does our cultural ideas of submission and the biblical teaching of submission differ?

6) For those who are married, how have you shown respect and sacrificial love in your marriage? If you are not married, how can you show sacrificial love in your family/friendships?

Read Ephesians 5:22 & 28 – “Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.”

7) How can we avoid the trap of keeping score? If you have gotten stuck in that trap, how did you get out of it?

8) What are some small ways have you found to better love and serve your spouse, or those you are in a close relationship with?

Prayer: Take time to pray for the marriages or close relationships in your life.