



Faith Community Church  
A Marriage Renewed  
Faith Group Questions  
& Discussion Guide



**Opening Prayer:** Ask God to prepare ears to hear and minds to change.

**Key Takeaways:**

1. Marriage is a covenant, not a contract. It involves giving up rights and assuming responsibilities.
2. Three key responsibilities in a Christian marriage:
  - a. Love
  - b. Honor
  - c. Submission
3. You cannot change your spouse's actions. You CAN change your own actions and reactions.
4. No marriage is too far gone for repentance to bring change. Christ's lordship is key.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Does anyone have a story about applying the four laws of love from last week?  
(Priority, pursuit, partnership, purity)
2. What does Christ's love look like? (1 Peter 2:22-24, 1 John 3:18) What are some practical ways we can stop justifying ourselves if our actions fall below Christ's standard of love? (James 4:7-12, James 5:16, Heb 3:13)
3. Discuss the concept of "honor" in marriage, especially relating to wives honoring their husbands. What are some practical, biblical ways wives can practice this? (1 Peter 3:1-6)
4. How does submission to Christ impact the way spouses submit to one another?  
(Ephesians 3:21, Luke 6:46-49) What challenges might arise in this area?

5. The sermon mentioned the importance of focusing on the positive aspects of your spouse rather than dwelling on negatives. How can we cultivate this mindset in our relationships? (1 Thess 5:11, Eph 4:29, 1 Peter 4:8-10)

6. Reflect on the statement: "The marriage covenant only works if Jesus is Lord." What does this mean for Christian marriages? (1 John 5:1-5)

### **Practical Applications:**

1. This week, commit to praising your spouse (or a close friend/family member if unmarried) for 10 positive things they do, while minimizing focus on negatives.

2. Practice the art of repentance in your relationships. Identify an area where you've fallen short, repent to God, and then seek forgiveness from your spouse or loved one.

3. If married, set aside time to renew your vows privately, using the framework provided in the sermon. (Sermon notes have the three "I assume responsibility" statements: <https://notes.subsplash.com/fill-in/view?page=B1Jrx-j4ex>)

4. Single group members: Reflect on how you can prepare yourself now for a future covenant marriage by submitting to Christ's lordship in your life.

5. As a group, pray for the marriages in your church community, asking God to strengthen these covenants and help couples love, honor, and submit to one another.

6. Challenge: For one week, commit to responding to your spouse's (or a close relationship's) negative moods or actions with kindness and an offer to serve, rather than matching their negative energy.

**Closing Reflection:** Consider how your relationship with Christ impacts your human relationships. How can you more fully submit to His lordship in all areas of your life, including your marriage or future marriage?