

More Than a Soulmate

Matthew 19:1-6

Taking it Home:

1. Read Colossians 3:12-15 (with your spouse if you're married). Which attributes do you need to grow in the most? Invite Jesus to clothe you with these attributes to be a better friend to those around you, and spouse if you are married.

Prayer Concerns:

Biblical Marriage:

Definition: "Marriage is an exclusive heterosexual covenant between one man and one woman, ordained and sealed by God, preceded by a public leaving of parents, consummated in sexual union, issuing in a permanent, mutual, fully supportive partnership, and normally crowned by the gift of children."

1. Marriage is the design of _____, not _____. [4]
2. Marriage is between one _____ and one _____. [4-5a]
3. Marriage is the _____ space for _____. [5]
4. Marriage is a committed partnership of mutual _____, _____, and _____. [5-6a]
Husbands: _____ your wife with _____.
Wives: _____ and _____ your husband.
5. Marriage is a permanent _____ reflecting God's _____ to us. [6b]

Healing marital brokenness:

1. Acknowledge our _____ and _____.
2. Ask Jesus and our spouse for _____.
3. Invite Christ to _____ our _____.

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. What advice did your parents have about marriage?

Digging Deeper:

Read Matthew 19:1-6

1. Review the sermon notes. Is there anything that surprised you about biblical marriage?
2. In what ways is marriage to resemble our relationship with God? How is God's image marred through marriages? How can it be honored and protected?
3. If in conversation about marriage someone asked you, "who made you the judge on marriage?" what would you say to them? How might the words of Jesus help you answer that question?
4. Read Genesis 2:18-23, What is the meaning of "suitable"? What boundaries does this place on the marriage relationship? Knowing these boundaries how might the church care for those who may feel like an outsider as it relates to biblical marriage?
5. According to Ephesians 5:22-33, what are the responsibilities of husband and wives in the marriage relationship? How has this passage been abused in the church? What would it look like when lived out in a God honoring way?
6. What benefit is there in seeing our spouse, or any other person for that matter, as a sinner in need of God's grace? How might this change the dynamic of your relationships?