



WEEK 1: OUR FATHER'S IDEA

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

Pastor delves into the importance of marriage as a divine institution, reflecting God's love. Talks about misconceptions, biblical teachings on roles, and societal attitudes toward marriage. Emphasizes sacrificial love, challenges unrealistic expectations, and advocates for a biblical understanding of commitment and fulfillment in marriage.

KEY VERSES

Look up theses additional verses:

Ephesians 5:21-25

Genesis 2:24

Ephesians 5:31-32

Corinthians 13:4-7

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

Pastor explains that marriage is one of the three foundational institutions ordained by God, alongside the family and the church.

- a. Why is marriage considered to be a divine institution created by God?
- b. How can a married couple live in a way that honors God's original plan for marriage?

2

Pastor referenced **Genesis 2** and **Ephesians 5** in the message. These verses indicate that marriage reflects God's love for humanity, provides a stable environment for raising children, and unites husband and wife.

- a. According to the above verses, what is the purpose of marriage?
- b. How can you apply these principles in your current or future marriage?

3

Society now focuses on individual happiness and compatibility in marriage, whereas the Bible emphasizes commitment, character building, and sacrificial love.

- a. What did the message say about the current cultural attitudes towards marriage and how they differ from biblical principles?
- b. In what ways can we challenge and transform cultural attitudes in our own relationships and marriages?

4

The Bible does not endorse polygamy or prostitution, recognizing their negative consequences. However, when it comes to singleness, it is not inherently negative; rather, the Bible emphasizes the value and worth of a single life.

- a. What are some misconceptions about marriage that were debunked in the sermon?
- b. How can we educate ourselves and others on what the Bible truly teaches about marriage and relationships?

Pastor reminds us that marriage serves as a reflection of Christ's sacrificial love for the church, where fulfillment comes through sacrifice.

- a. How does the concept of fulfillment through sacrifice in marriage reflect Christ's love for the church?
- b. What are some practical ways we can practice sacrificial love in our marriages or relationships to embody Christ's love?

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Personal Reflection: Take a deep breath and read...

Marriage is a mystery; it is full of unknowns and many, many things to learn. In marriage, there is one thing we can stand on, Jesus loves us sacrificially and so should we love our spouse or future spouse.

1. If you are married, in what ways might you not be fully loving your spouse sacrificially? What are some small ways you can start to change that today?
2. How have the role models you have had, or might not have had, affected your view on marriage, unity in marriage, and God's plan for marriage?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- Ask God to help us embrace His design for marriage as taught in His word, the Bible.
- Pray for strength and patience to love sacrificially within marriages or future marriages and relationships.
- Request God's guidance in building character and creating stable environments for our families.

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