

STONEBRIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Icebreaker:

What's one way your idea of marriage has changed over the years?

Recap

Marriage vows include the promise “for better or for worse.” Tony reminded us that this vow is really about how we face change—both joyful and painful. He shared four principles for living out this vow:

1. I am not alone – I need God’s life and presence.
2. We are not alone – Our marriage is supported by the church community.
3. Giving & forgiving – The two key actions of love.
4. Faith, hope, and love – The bond that sustains marriage through all seasons.

Discussion Questions (20 minutes)

- Read **Genesis 2:18, 24**. What does this passage teach about God’s original design for marriage? How does it connect with the vow “*for better or for worse*”?
- Which part of **1 Corinthians 13** stands out to you most in this season of your relationships? Why?

- Tony said *“for better or for worse” is really about how we face change*. Read **James 1:2–4**. How does this passage encourage us to view change and trials?
- Read **Ephesians 5:21–33**. What does mutual submission look like in a healthy marriage? How does Christ’s love for the church shape how we love each other?
- Colossians 3:12–14 talks about putting on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Which of these comes easiest for you, and which is most challenging?
- Philippians 2:3–4 calls us to “look to the interests of others.” What’s a practical way you can do this in your closest relationships this week?
- How have you seen God use your church community (Ecclesiastes 4:9–12) to support you during a “for worse” season?
- Why is forgiveness so vital for a healthy marriage or friendship? How can generosity (time, attention, resources) strengthen a relationship?

Next Steps

Personal Reflection

- Reflect on Tony’s question: *“What is your next step in living out for better or for worse?”*
- This week, take one small step in **trusting God, being honest with others, embracing change as a process, or practicing giving & forgiving.**

At the Movies, Week 4