



Week 1 - The Secret of Marriage

GROUP QUESTIONS

Please remember that while this is a marriage series, the principles we're talking about apply to people who are not married, including those that are divorced, single, dating, or engaged. We're talking about gospel principles with practical, relational applications. Group Leaders please be aware of the dynamics of your group in regards to where people might be in the relational status, and be intentional about applying these principles in different ways.

Apocalyptic view - Marriage/Your Spouse is the end of your freedom, and you should put it off as long as possible.

Utopian view - Marriage/Your Spouse will fix all of your problems and will bring you ultimate personal fulfillment.

- We all can slip into a wrong view about marriage and relationships, either into the Apocalyptic view or the Utopian view. Which way have you slipped before?

Read Ephesians 5:21-33

- Why don't we like the idea of submission?
- In the opening line of vs 21 we are told to submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Who are we to submit to according to this verse? (think vertical and horizontal) - Which direction of submission do you find more difficult?

MARRIAGE IS A PICTURE OF THE GOSPEL

Read Philippians 2:5-8 & John 12:23-25 & Matthew 16:24

- Discuss what relationships lived according to the Philippians 2 principles would look like?
- What is the big idea, relationally, of John 12 & Matthew 16?

THE GOSPEL IS THE KEY TO MARRIAGE

Read Ephesians 5:21-33 again

- Identify the points of the gospel found in the interactions described between a husband and wife. How could you apply these principles to marriage? How could you apply them to relationships in general?

Allow time for prayer requests - for members to share their needs and for others to meet them.

NEXT STEPS

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