



“Really, Till Death Do Us Part?”

(Re)Discover Marriage Series

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What does the Bible say about marriage:

- 1) God created marriage to be between **1 MAN & 1 WOMAN**
  - *Genesis 2:22-25*
- 2) God designed marriage to be a permanent **ONE-NESS**
  - *Matthew 19:4-6*
- 3) God says marriage is a **COVENANT**
  - *Malachi 2:14, Proverbs 2:17*
- 4) God charges the **HUSBAND** to take responsibility for the family
  - *Ephesians 5:22-31, 1 Timothy 5:8, Colossians 3:18-21, 1 Peter 3:1-7*
- 5) God hates **DIVORCE**
  - *Malachi 2:14-16*

What is an allowable end of marriage in Scripture?

- 1) **DEATH** of a spouse
  - *1 Corinthians 7:39*
- 2) **ADULTERY**
  - *Matthew 5:32*
- 3) **ABANDONMENT**
  - *1 Corinthians 7:15*
- 4) Hardness of **HEART**
  - *Matthew 19:8*

Common questions about divorce & remarriage:

- 1) What about abusive relationships, should I stay?
  - **NO**
- 2) Do I have to take them back if they commit adultery?
  - **IF POSSIBLE**
    - *1 Corinthians 7:10-11*
- 3) Am I allowed to remarry after a divorce? After all efforts of
  - **RECONCILIATION**
    - *1 Corinthians 7, Matthew 5, & Matthew 19*

### C3 Group Questions

**Accountability:** Were you at church on Sunday to grow & learn? Did you read/listen to the Bible & pray this week on a regular basis? If so, share what stood out to you in your time with God?

**Ice Breaker:** Which of these TV families reflects your family: Bradys, Simpsons, Flintstones, or another TV family?

**Review:** What one thing stood out to you (either helpful, insightful or troubling) from the weekend's message?

#### **Group Discussion:**

Read Ephesians 5:22-31. From this passage, what other relationship is marriage symbolic of?

In what ways?

Men: How do you feel about the standard for husbands in verses 25 & 28?

Women: How do you feel about the standard for wives in verses 22 & 23?

In practical terms, what does it mean for a wife to submit to her husband?

What implication does "Husbands love your wife just as Christ loved the church" have?

How does the modern day view of marriage compare to this passage?

In your own words, how would you explain the main goal of a Christian marriage?

Read 1 Corinthians 7:10-16. In a nutshell, what does Paul teach in this passage about marriage, divorce, & remarriage? How does this compare to the views of our society at large?

How can this group pray for you this week? Who in this group can you pray for this week?

**Next Steps:** (*"Do not merely listen to the word.....Do what it says."* James 1:22)

- If you're a married man, do everything in your power to love your wife.
- If you're a married lady, do everything in your power to submit & respect your husband.
- If single, how can you prepare for a Godly marriage now? How can you be the spouse your future spouse is waiting for?