

Home Group Notes

Road Trip week 5- Model Marriage

Week of May 21

The “Road Trip” series focuses on ‘family’ connections that we all have. This week marriage is the focus of our discussion.

Share it

What aspect of a marriage did your parent(s) model that you think was healthy or unhealthy?

Note to Leaders: Some of us had ‘model’ parents / families – many of us had very ‘human’ parents...be wise about not just focusing on “unhealthy” stuff people grew up with.

Study the Bible

What can we learn about God’s plan for marriage from . . .

Note to leaders: see how many ‘observations’ your group can come with for each passage – be aware if / when you journey down cultural / political paths, a natural tendency with foundational passages.

Genesis 2:20-24?

Note to Leaders: Adam & Eve were given to each other as life companions, Adam’s bride came to him as a result of a sacrifice on his behalf –a rib! Marriage was designed by God to meet a basic human need that He created in us – companionship. Oneness is the “reason / purpose” for this relationship

Matthew 19:3-6?

Note to Leaders: God’s marriage design – Male and female. Marriage is designed to be a covenant - that’s one of the purposes behind the Pharisee’s question- is it lawful to break the marriage covenant? A husband and wife were to form a new family in marriage. “Cleave” – to ‘stick like glue’, to ‘pursue hard after’. It’s the idea of consecration, set-apart and exclusive.

Ephesians 5:31-32?

Note to leaders: the couple is called to “leave”. The husband is called to ‘agape’ love his wife – a self-sacrificial love. The wife is called to ‘respect’ –high esteem for her husband.

Marriage is to be a ‘presentation’ to the world of how Christ loves His Church, as He sacrifices for her, and she honors Him.

How does Ephesians 5:22-27 parallel marriage and God’s love-commitment to us?

Note to Leaders: this ‘teaching’ begins with the foundation in v.21 – Christ followers (all of us) are to be submitting to each other in reverence for Christ. Both husbands and wives have unique roles in living this out in marriage.

What can we learn about 'oneness in marriage' from 1 Corinthians 12:4-12?

Note to Leaders: a few observations – each of us bring uniquenesses to the marriage, the Lord has designed us this way, our unique gifts are to be used for 'the common good', we are uniquely joined together by God's Spirit....you are married to one of God's sons or daughters.

Discuss Together

Who does our own marriage modeling effect? How?

Leaders: Think close in first.....children, extended family.

What do you think healthy "oneness" looks like?

What aspects of healthy marriages would you like to follow?

Leaders: be wise about not letting this be a 'vent session' for where a couple is 'falling short & critical of each other.

How is loving our spouses connected with loving and pleasing God?

Pray

- For single parents and their model of God's love
- For one another to model God's marriage commitment to us
- For our children as they gain a hopeful picture of marriage from us.

Apply it this week

Call and encourage someone with a good marriage model.