

Sermon Outline

MARRIAGE

MADE FOR IT SERIES | FEBRUARY 15/16, 2014 | PASTOR MATT ERICKSON
GENESIS 1:27-30; 2: 20-25; EPHESIANS 5:21-33

"Each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband." (*Ephesians 5:33*)

The Making of Marriage (*Genesis 1:27-30; 2:20-25*)

The Way of Marriage (*Ephesians 5:21-33*)

The Mission of Marriage (*Genesis 1:28; Ephesians 5:32*)

Everyday Marriage

Discussion Questions

FOR LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION, CLARIFICATION & PRAYER

1. Who has the best marriage you know and why?
2. As we continue with our series on relationships, "Made for It," we want to explore the topic of marriage. Before you begin your study, ask God to speak to you through the Scripture.
3. When you look at Genesis 1:27-30 and 2:20-25, what do you learn about God's intention for marriage from the beginning of creation?
4. Read the story of sin's entry into the world in Genesis 3:1-20. From what you read here, how did sin affect relationships generally, but specifically the marriage relationship between Adam and Eve?
5. Ephesians 5:21-33 is one of the most in-depth teachings in Scripture about marriage relationship. Paul writes these words within a series of instructions known as "household codes," which commonly addressed the relationships within households in the Greco-Roman world. How would you say verse 21 sets the tone for the instruction that is to come?
6. In verses 22-24, Paul outlines the way a wife should relate to her husband. What are some words that describe that way of relating?
7. Verses 25-33 describe the way a husband should relate to his wife. What words would you use to describe the way a husband should relate to his wife?
8. There is a deeper, theological meaning to marriage that Paul outlines within his instructions to the husbands. What is it and what does it mean for marriage?
9. Whether you are single or married, what are your biggest questions or concerns about marriage? Take some time to talk about those things with those in your group or search through them in the Scripture. Feel free to email Pastor Matt (matterickson@eastbrook.org) with your questions.
10. What is one thing you learned from this study? If you are alone, write it down somewhere so you can think about it further this week. If you are with a small group, take some time to discuss these things with one another. Close in prayer.

[Next week: We will conclude our series, "Made for It," by looking at how we deal with conflict in our relationships. Prepare ahead of time by reading the following Scripture passages: Ephesians 5:21; Matthew 18:15-20; Romans 12:18; Hebrews 12:14.]