



SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: **“The Purpose of Marriage – Pt 1” (Exodus 20:1-21)**

Date: **November 12, 2023**

Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. For some, the topic of marriage can be quite raw and difficult due to a variety of reasons (i.e. past difficulties, prolonged singleness, etc.). How would you seek to encourage someone dealing with pain related to this topic as we continue to study God’s good gift of marriage?
3. Does a strong marriage require perpetual romance and intimacy? Is this the ultimate goal of marriage? Explain.
4. Read Romans 8:28-29. What does this passage teach us about sanctification? How can we apply this passage to the topic of marriage in particular? How can we apply this to the topic of singleness?
5. When conflict arises in a marriage, what sin should each spouse focus on: the sin of the other or their own sin? What should you do if your spouse is behaving improperly in the marriage? Explain.
6. Is there an exception clause for God’s demand for obedience in our lives? How would you counsel someone who thinks that their sin in a marriage is excusable because of the sin of their spouse?
7. Is sexual desire in and of itself a good thing? Explain. Why does God give a desire for sexual intimacy to men and women? What is his purpose in this?



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8. Read 1 Corinthians 7:1-2 and 1 Corinthians 7:9. What do these verses teach us about sexual desire and the purpose of marriage? What implications do these verses have for singles and/or for young couples that are dating?

9. "It's a *sin* to withhold intimacy from your spouse." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not? Use Scripture to support your answer.

10. How does God use regular sexual intimacy in a marriage to bless and sanctify the married couple?

Accountability Question

For those who are married, is there anything that you need to confess as you seek to fulfill the calling that God has placed on your life in your marriage? What can you do about this going forward?