

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

May 10, 2026 Rev. Josh Desch

“The Purpose of Marriage: Holiness”

Sermon Text: Ephesians 5:21-27

Sermon Outline:

1. Happiness or Holiness
2. Love and Respect
3. The Glorious Thing that God is up to in your life, your marriage and in His church, that no one really talks about, but is actually the best news you will ever hear and the hope that sustains us in good times and bad

Questions

1. Why shouldn't our own personal happiness be the reason that we get married?
2. Why isn't it the case that marriage fulfills us? Lots of married people seem pretty happy.
3. What does the holiness of our spouse have to do with us?
4. How can wives work toward showing respect for their husbands? How can husbands work toward loving their wives?
5. Notice how Paul grounds both his words to husbands and his words to wife in Christ, who Christ and what Christ has done for us. How can looking to Jesus and abiding in him help you fulfill your calling in your marriage?
6. What is the “The Glorious Thing that God is up to in your life, your marriage and in His church, that no one really talks about, but is actually the best news you will ever hear and the hope that sustains us in good times and bad” and how can that help you stay strong in your marriage?