



Alleluia! Adult Ministries

Sermon-Based Study  
for Connect Groups

January 13, 2019

*Sermon Series: Family First*  
*Title: The Gift of Marriage*  
*Scripture: Matthew 19:4-6*

### **Connecting**

Take a moment to introduce yourselves to one another.  
Share a “High” and/or “Low” from the past week with the group.

### **Opening Prayer**

**Read Today’s Scripture:** Matthew 9:4-6

### **Discussion**

1. Do you know any good marriage jokes? Please share (but keep it clean!). Why do you think that marriage is the brunt of so many jokes? Should it be?
2. Read Matthew 9:4-6. Pastor Tim said, “Marriage is a holy union.” What do you think this means? How do you feel about marriage being “holy?”
3. Pastor Tim encouraged us to invite Jesus to our marriage. What are some practical ways we could be more mindful of Jesus being a true presence in our marriage? For example, what are some things spouses could do to make sure Jesus is part of their relationship?
4. Are any of you familiar with the book/online resource, “The Five Love Languages?” If so, please share with your group your experience with this.
5. Pastor Tim encouraged spouses to offer grace to each other. How does the grace of God in your own life impact the grace you offer to your spouse?
6. Pastor Tim used the illustration of an antique pocket watch he received as a gift, but it has a part that is broken. He said marriage can be similar: broken, but still a valuable gift. How are our marriages “broken,” at times, but still embraced as a gift from God? How would your marriage be impacted if you remembered each day that your marriage is a gift from God?

### **Closing Prayer**