

- **Choose empathy**

"Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too." **Philippians 2:4 NLT**

- **Choose sacrifice**

"You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form, He humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross."

Philippians 2:5-8 NLT

"Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage." **Hebrews 13:4a NLT**

"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples." **John 13:35 NLT**



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"Jesus replied... 'Love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater...'" **Mark 12:31 NLT**

"I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other." **John 13:34 NLT**

"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. As the Scriptures say, 'A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.' This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband." **Ephesians 5:21,31-33 NLT**

4 CHOICES THAT MAKE LOVE LAST

- **Choose selflessness**

"Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others." **Philippians 2:3a NLT**

- **Choose humility**

"Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves."

Philippians 2:3b NLT

Next Week | Reset Your Grief



This Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. Join one of our message-based Community Groups to do this study together. Visit the Groups table after service to find a group!

LESSON AIM: The aim of this lesson is to reset our approach to marriage.

BELONG in God's family:

CHECK IN: (optional) Let's briefly share with each other how we've been doing this week.

OPENING PRAYER

ICEBREAKER: What ways demonstrate to you that you are important to someone else? In what way do you demonstrate to someone that they are important to you?

BECOME like Jesus:

1. Sunday's message was about marriage and how we are to treat others. What point had the biggest impact on your view of marriage and relationships? What was most challenging to you?
2. Read Genesis 2:18-25 and Genesis 1:26-31. What do these passages say about the first marriage union? How were the man and woman to relate to one another and to God?
3. We read about mankind's rebellion toward God in Genesis 3:8-19. After the fall, what challenges presented themselves between the husband and wife? How did this affect their relationship with one another and with God?

4. Read Ephesians 5:22-33. What do these verses indicate that marriage is a symbol of? How? When you consider how Christ loves us as "His bride," how then should people treat one another in marriage?
5. How can the instructions in 1 Thessalonians 5:11-22 help us relate to one another? What are key components in this passage, and how do we put them into practice?

BLESS others:

In Philippians 2:1-8, Paul encouraged us to have the same attitude as Jesus. Why is this attitude so important to have in all relationships – especially marriage? How do we balance meeting the needs of others with meeting our own needs?

BUILD God's kingdom:

In Mark 10:42-45, Jesus showed how He approached all relationships – as a servant. Describe how having the same attitude as Jesus can impact those we choose to love.

BELIEVE God and act in faith:

As we close in prayer let's read Revelation 19:6-8. We can remind and encourage one another that the culmination of our relationship with Christ is the wedding of the bride and groom.

PRAYER: What challenge are you facing this week? How can our group pray and support you?

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