



FIRST COMES LOVE, THEN COMES _____

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS



Week 1

Text: Romans 12:1–9

Topics: Sacrifice, Love, Marriage

Big Idea of the Message: Love requires sacrifice.

Application Point: To be a living sacrifice, specifically in my marriage, means that I give of myself to unconditionally love and serve my spouse, even when it is inconvenient, complicated, and requires me to lay my selfishness on the altar.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Do you think love is all you need? Why or why not?
3. What does it mean to be a living sacrifice?
4. Do you ever feel like you sacrifice more for your spouse than they do for you? How can you constructively communicate those feelings to your partner if you feel that way?
5. Do you think your love for God can conflict with your love for your spouse? Explain or give an example.
6. What things might you need to sacrifice to be a better husband or wife? How will you do that this week?
7. How can we pray for you?



Week 2

Text: 1 Timothy 6:11–16

Topics: Gentleness, Love, Marriage

Big Idea of the Message: Gentleness is a characteristic of someone who loves God and their significant other.

Application Point: The believer loves well when they act with gentleness toward their spouse, even in times of struggle and conflict.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Who is the gentlest person you know?
3. Does being gentle mean you are weak? Why or why not?
4. How is gentleness countercultural?
5. How can you be gentler with your spouse this week? What would encourage them or make them feel safe and secure with you?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 3

Text: Philippians 2:1–8

Topics: Humility, Love, Marriage

Big Idea of the Message: Christ is the example of loving humility and is willing to lay aside his power for others.

Application Point: Christian marriage is two people unified in a single pursuit: to love God and one another well. To do that, we must humbly accept our limitations and those of our spouse, and put aside our selfishness for the best of each other.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What is something you are proud of about yourself but rarely share because you don't want to be seen as arrogant? Does acknowledging something good about yourself make you not humble?
3. How does recognizing our sinfulness allow us to be compassionate and gracious to others? How does it temper our tendency to judge others?
4. What does it mean to fight fair? If you and your spouse disagree about something, how do you handle it?
5. How can you love your spouse without keeping a tab this week?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 4

Text: Colossians 1:3–14

Topics: Endurance, Love, Marriage

Big Idea of the Message: God enables the believer to live well in Christ and with endurance.

Application Point: Marriage will have many ups and downs, but the believer plays the long game, knowing that in Christ, they have the strength and grace to love their spouse well in all seasons, for better or worse, for a lifetime.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What is something you worked hard to accomplish? Was it worth it?
3. Why does marriage take endurance?
4. What is the best marriage advice you've ever received?
5. How can you help your spouse know that you are always rooting for them this week?
6. How can we pray for you?