

Humanity of Marriage

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Review

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Key Scriptures: Genesis 2:24; Ephesians 5:21–23

Discuss

1. Pastor Josh said God designed men and women to complement each other from the beginning of creation. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain.
2. How does society portray the relationship between a man and a woman? Is this portrayal helpful or harmful?
3. How is marriage a partnership?
4. How does marriage reflect the relationship between Christ and the Church?
5. Why do we hide our weaknesses in our relationships?
6. What does dying to our selfishness look like on a day-to-day basis?
7. What did Pastor Josh mean when he said, “We need to love each other enough to have conflict?”
8. How is marriage a picture of how Jesus loves us?
9. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?

Takeaway

As we conclude, remember the following:

- God designed marriage to be intimate.
- God designed marriage to be sacrificial.
- God designed marriage to be a covenant.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your unconditional covenant. You are faithful even when we are not. Thank You for making a covenant with us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Thank You for creating marriage to reflect Jesus’ relationship with us, His Church. Help us mirror who You are to the world, and help us treat our spouses with love and

respect. We make a choice to lay our lives down and follow You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Leader Tip

Celebrating with one another is an important part of your group's health. As prayer needs arise, take the time to ask for praise reports and celebrate! This fosters community and has a positive impact on the atmosphere of your gathering.

Group Dynamics Idea

Marriage can be a difficult topic to discuss because some of your group members may have been through hard divorces or are experiencing marriage challenges. Others may be single and talking about marriage may be awkward. Be sensitive to those dynamics. Make sure your conversations are inclusive and encouraging for all your group members. These conversations may open great opportunities to pray for and support each other.