

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Sermon Discussion Guide: Series"Marriage By Design" Week 1-Which Foundation?

Recap the Highlights:

- Current CULTURE distorts our Self-Image.
- The BIBLE promotes His Image.
- Current CULTURE promotes physical intimacy.
- The BIBLE promotes ordered commitment.
- Current CULTURE isolates couples from important relationships.
- The BIBLE encourages input from a faith community / family.

Now Dig Deeper:

- 1. Discuss how the statements above encourage you to seek the right foundation for yourself, your children, or those you love?
- 2. How can we as Christians prioritize relationships built on God's Word? How do you believe is the best way to model this to others with grace over judgment?
- 3. <u>Look up the scripture references from the weekend.</u> See how they line up to what you have believed about what matters most to God when it comes to relationships.

Scripture References:

- Mathew 7:24-27
- Colossians 2:8-10
- Proverbs 15:22

Respond:

1. How does the practical guidance and quote below speak to what God says about building a strong foundation for relationships that last?



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Quote from Paul Rinehart- "We cannot engage in something with our bodies without our hearts and souls being affected. When we bond physically with another person through sex, our souls also create a bond of great depth — whether we want one or not."

Discipleship Journal

Practical guidance from Biblical community...

Don't allow yourself deep emotional involvement with an unbelieving person.

See 2 Corinthians 6:14 (ESV)

Faith in Action:

• What will you put into practice to build the right foundation for your relationships in this next season? Make a commitment to to honor God with your relationships this year.

Prayer:

"Dear heavenly Father, we are so grateful for Your Word and direction for our lives. Help us to see through Your eyes and Your heart as we learn to balance our desires relationally, spiritually, and physically. Help us, Jesus, to make Your expectations our expectations for a Godly marriage and as a blueprint for our relationships."