



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Sermon Discussion Guide

Series: Following Jesus into Relationships

Sermon: Following Jesus in Marriage

Recap the Highlights:

Marriage is not about making you **Happy**, but making you **Holy**.

Anchor your expectations of marriage to...

1. To the **Covenant** of Marriage.
 - a. “The Honeymoon” stage
 - b. “The Party’s Over” stage
 - c. “The Best is Yet to Be” stage
2. **Cultivate** your Marriage relationship
 - a. You will always harvest what you plant. Galatians 6:7b NLT
 - i. **Time**
 - ii. **Hard Work**
 - iii. **Communicate/Listen**
 - iv. **Serve your spouse**
3. Biblical **Love**
 - a. 1 Corinthians 13:1-7
 - b. One of the most obvious ways that Biblical love is demonstrated is through Forgiveness - For God so loved the world that he gave/forgave.
 - c. Colossians 3:13 - Make allowances for each other’s faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

Now Dig Deeper:

1. What was the most revealing part of this message for you? Why do you think that was?
2. What expectations did you come into your marriage with? Do you feel you had any unfair expectations? If you aren’t married, what can you learn from this now?
3. Talk about the differences between a contract and a covenant and what it really means to you.
4. Talk through each of the ways to cultivate your relationship (This can be any relationship of importance to you, but if you are married - apply it here.)
5. What are some faults that you know you need allowances for?

Respond & Pray:

- Pray over the marriages of Christians. Pray over the marriages in our church. Pray over the marriages that will be in the future. Specifically, pray over your marriage (If you are married) and ask your partner how you can pray for them.