



Bible Study

Introduction

Welcome to "The Divine Design," a Bible study exploring the sacred covenant of marriage. Marriage is a beautiful and significant covenant between a man and a woman established by God for companionship, procreation, and the expression of His love. Throughout this study, we will delve into biblical teachings on marriage, its purpose, challenges, and the principles that can help us build strong and fulfilling marital relationships. Let's embark on this journey together!

Why not begin with a prayer, asking God to guide you into His truth through His Spirit. Pray for soft and receptive hearts and that His peace would rest upon You.

blueprint

Read Genesis 2:18, 23-25:

"The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame."

Discussion Questions:

1. In light of the above verses and Gen 1:27-28, what is God's purpose for marriage?
2. Explore the concept of "one flesh" and the significance of unity in marriage.
3. How does our culture's view of marriage differ from this?

sacrificial love

Read Ephesians 5:21-33:

"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband....."

Discussion Questions:

1. What do these verses teach about the mutual submission and sacrificial love required in marriage?
2. What can we learn from the model of Christ's love for the Church?
3. What practical ways can we demonstrate sacrificial love within a marriage relationship?

communication

Read James 1:19-20:

"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires."

Discussion Questions:

1. How does combining quick listening and slow speaking create effective communication?
2. In what ways do our past experiences and relationships influence how we communicate with each other?
3. Name one area you can commit to work on your communication.

Christ-centred

Read Matthew 22:36-40:

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Discussion Questions:

1. How does prioritising love for God strengthen a marriage?
2. What does it mean to love those around us in the same way we show love to ourselves?
3. What practical ways can we prioritise Christ in marriage and encourage spiritual growth together?

Application

Marriage is a lifelong journey that requires dedication, selflessness, and a commitment to grow together in love and understanding. By studying God's Word and applying its principles, we can find guidance and strength to build a healthy and thriving marriage. May this Bible study inspire and equip you to embrace God's design for marriage and experience the abundant blessings He has in store for you as a couple.

1. Memorise key scriptures that would help you in your marriage, such as James 1:19-20.
2. Commit to put God first in your marriage, knowing that if you both draw closer to Him, you will also draw closer to each other.
3. Choose to model servantheartedness in the hope that as you serve each other, you will also elevate each other.

Prayer

Feel free to pray your own prayers as a group or pray the prayer below together:

Father God, we thank you for the gift of marriage. Thank you for placing other people in our lives to partner with, to look after Your world together. Thank you for how marriage is a beautiful representation of Christ and His Bride. Help us, in every relationship, to love each other well, to serve one another, and to follow the example of Christ. Holy Spirit, guide us into the truth and teach us Your way. Soften our hearts where pride may cause division and lead us to a life laid down for one another.