

SERMON NOTES

CHERISHING YOUR SPOUSE
SONG OF SONGS 1:3 | FEBRUARY 16, 2020
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Intro:

I. Comparing love and cherish:

II. Remembering our _____ .

III. Adopting a new _____ . (Rom. 12:2)

Looking at your husband as _____.

Looking at your wife as _____.

IV. To cherish your spouse is to _____ your spouse.

V. Practice cherishing:

IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

KEY PASSAGE: 1 CORINTHIANS 13

Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/passage?

INFORM THE HEAD / STIR THE HEART

Please read Ephesians 5:21-33

1. What is the command given to wives, and what is the reason given for that command? If someone said to you that it was a cultural thing and it's outdated, using this passage, how would you answer them?

2. What is the significance of the words, "as to the Lord" in vs. 22?

3. What is the command given to the husbands? How does modeling that command after Christ affect the way the husband leads the home?

4. For someone who would be considering dating, how would they use this passage to help them decide if the person they're considering dating would be a wise choice?

5. What are other ways that people tend to use to decide whether or not they should be in a relationship with someone?

6. Why do you think it's important to "leave and cleave" in marriage? How might a couple communicate with parents (in a God-honoring way) who are not respecting that they've left and cleft?

7. Please look back at the curses given to Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:16-19. In light of this passage, what are the specific commands given to the husband and wife in Ephesians 5:33, and how do you think they relate to the curses in Genesis 3?

8. Revelation 19-21 describe believers as "the Bride of Christ." How does knowing that we're preparing for eternity as His bride affect the way you view earthly marriage?

CHALLENGE THE WILL

Based on what you learned from the study, or read in the passage, what actions/focus do you need to pursue in order to draw closer to the Lord and to seek restoration in relationships with others in your life?

WEEKLY READING PLAN

Monday, February 17 // Ephesians 5:21-33

Out of reverence for Christ

Tuesday, February 18 // Genesis 2:15-24

Exclusive with the Lord

Wednesday, February 19 // John 13:1-17

As Jesus loved

Thursday, February 20 // Song of Solomon 8:1-7

Set me as a seal on your heart

Friday, February 21 // James 3:13-18

Stepping Through Earthly Wisdom