

Home Field Wisdom – Part 1: Marriage

The Way of Wisdom: Living in God's World

Passage: Ephesians 5:22-33

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For everyone (married, single, widowed, divorced):

1. What stood out to you from the message about marriage and wisdom?
2. How does Eph. 5:21-33 challenge cultural views of marriage?
3. Why do you think Paul describes marriage as a reflection of Christ and the Church?
4. How does wisdom show itself in everyday choices between spouses (communication, forgiveness, finances, intimacy)?

For married couples:

1. Husbands – what does sacrificial love look like in your marriage this week?
2. Wives – what does encouragement and respect look like in your marriage this week?
3. How can couples practice “mutual submission” without falling into power struggles?

For Singles/Young Adults:

1. If you are called to singleness, what do you think are ways you can encourage and support couples in the church?
2. How does growing in wisdom now prepare you for a potential future marriage?
3. What qualities of Christ should you look for – or seek to embody – in a relationship?
4. How can single people honor and support marriage around them in the church family?

What is one practical step you can take this week to reflect Christ more in your relationships?

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