



Marriage Is Worth Fighting For
May 4 2025 | Ephesians 5:21-33
Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*** Before you begin, please read Ephesians 5:21-33 as a group.*

1. Imagine you surveyed a group of strangers on the street, asking for their knee jerk reactions to how they viewed marriage. What are some of the responses you think you'd get?
2. How would the larger American culture define a thriving marriage? Is this different from how followers of Jesus may define a thriving marriage? Explain.
3. Look closely at the passage (Ephesians 5:21-33) again, and observe how many times Jesus Christ is referenced. How does the centrality of Jesus and His work in this passage shape how we read everything Ephesians 5:21-33 commands about marriage?
4. Some of the things the Apostle Paul brings up in this passage may sound extreme to you. In what ways could this passage be MIS-understood and lead to potential dangers?
5. In a sentence or two, summarize what Paul IS saying here and why he's saying it.
6. What other Biblical truths are essential to keep in mind as you think about what a healthy marriage looks like?
7. In his message, Jeff covered four practical points that can help keep marriages on track. These points are listed below. After each, briefly summarize the point and how that point contributes to a healthy marriage relationship.
 - It's wise to get help.
 - A good marriage isn't a destination but a journey.
 - As you move toward Christ, you'll find yourself moving toward your spouse.
 - God is able to do more than you can imagine.
8. Why is a thriving marriage (defined by the Bible) worth fighting for? Whether you're married or single, why are thriving marriages important?
9. What are the biggest challenges to a thriving marriage? Work as a group to identify at least 3-5 challenges.
10. Which of these challenges have you faced in your own relationships? Based on what you've learned in Ephesians 5, what might it look like to navigate these challenges in a God-honoring way?
11. How can your group be a place where the real struggles of marriage can be brought to light—in a safe place, where you can find encouragement, support, and help?

12. What other questions or comments do you have about what you've looked at in the Bible today?

13. **For anyone who's married:** What practical steps do you need to take this week to invest fresh attention and effort into a thriving marriage? **For anyone who's single:** What's your biggest take-away on marriage from Ephesians 5:21-33 and this discussion as a group?