

Sticky Group Discussion Questions for Sunday, May 24, 2015

God's Rx for My Marriage

Selected Proverbs

1. What was one thing you learned about marriage (good or bad, wise or foolish) from your parents ?

2. Review the three purposes of marriage discussed during Sunday's sermon.
 - What about marriage teaches us more about God, or reveals something to us about God ?
 - In what way(s) is marriage one of God's good gifts to us ? (Re-read Prov 31:10 ; Song of Solomon 5:10.)
 - What value did you discover in your spouse as you got to know him/her ?
 - How have you strived over the years to remain a gift to your spouse ?
 - What shared mission in life did these couples possess ?
 - Adam & Eve (Genesis 1:26-30)
 - Priscilla & Aquila (Acts 18:1-3 ; Acts 18:18-21,24-26 ; Romans 16:3-5)

3. Read Proverbs 18:22 and 19:14, and respond to the following statement made by Warren Wiersbe. Do you agree ? Disagree ? What is meant by these statements ? What are the practical implications in a marriage ?

"Blessed is that marriage in which the husband acknowledges God's goodness in giving him his wife. A man can inherit houses and lands, but a good wife is from the Lord."

4. Give your response to the following statement made by Howard Hendricks. Describe what Hendricks is talking about.

"People get married with a picture in their minds of a perfect marriage. Then after a few trials, they discover they aren't married to a perfect picture, but to an imperfect person. When this realization occurs, they will either tear up the picture or they will tear up the person.

5. Re-read Proverbs 12:4 and 14:1. Is it true that a woman has the power to build up or tear down the home ? How does she exercise this power for good or for ill ?

6. Re-read Proverbs 26:21. How is a quarrelsome man like "wood to a fire" ? In what ways are men guilty of this ?

7. How can expectations for a marriage eventually become demands and, ultimately, idols ? ("If I don't have this, I can't go on.") Consider what the Lord says in James 4:1. Have you witnessed the following pathway and, if so, what can be done to correct it ?

expectations → demands → disappointment → blame/judgment of spouse → punishment of spouse

8. In what way(s) is God getting edged out of your life or marriage ? What do you need to do this week to let God back into your life and, if married, your marriage ?