

Series: Ephesians, Your Life in the Family
Title: God's Beautiful Design for Marriage
Text: Ephesians 5:21-33
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BIG IDEA: The key to our experiencing more joy and fulfillment in our marriages is unraveling the mystery in God's design for marriage.

- The mystery in God's design for marriage is profound.
- The barriers in God's design for marriage are real.
- The life in God's design for marriage is satisfying.

Life Group Questions

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Each week this section will provide next steps for going deeper with the text from Sunday, as well as preparing for discussion in your Life Group. Bring this sheet with you to your group meeting.

Starter question: What are examples of when your spouse/someone in your life says something that really means something else.

Discussion Questions:

1. In v.31-32, what does Paul mean by marriage being a mystery? He also says that mystery is profound. What is so profound to Paul about that mystery?
2. In v.22-24 and in 25-27, what guidance does Paul give to the wife and the husband on what speaking their language of love is to be like? What might happen in a marriage relationship when a husband communicates with love and a wife communicates with respect?
3. Read Ephesians 5:28-29. What is the help Paul gives the husband on how he should love his wife? Why is this true? Why is this so significant?

Application Questions:

1. There are barriers that husbands and wives can encounter, and beyond marriage, in other relationships in life; if we all find ourselves somewhere on those spectrums, how might you move closer to the ideal Paul is describing in relationships? What will be the specific evidence in our lives this week of us walking in the light?
2. If we find ourselves single, previously divorced, wrestling in married life, or happily married, what would be the best next step you would take to show that our significance and security is ultimately found in Jesus?

PRAY | WATCH | STEP

Take time and remember to pray for each group member by name this week. Prayer is powerful. Prayer changes things.