

## COMMUNITY

**Sweet & Sour** Share from your week something good or something hard.

**Pray** Pray for each other either as a large group or in smaller groups.

## MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES

### Message Discussion Questions

1. What do you think are some of the purposes of marriage?  
What does our culture say are some of the purposes of marriage?  
What does God say are the essential purposes of marriages?
2. If you are single... How do you respond to a 3-week marriage series? Why?  
What are some 'take aways'? Why are these important?  
Read **1 Cor. 7:6-9; 24-35** What is Paul's advice? Why?
3. Discuss the importance of the 'Triangle Principle': As two people grow in their 'abiding in Christ' and intimacy with and submission to Jesus, they are more apt to relate to each other with love, grace and honor. Examples?
4. What are current ways Satan is attacking God's good gift of marriage?  
How has Satan attacked your marriage? Why is his attacks so powerful?  
Why do many people choose to just live together? Is it better? Why/why not?
5. What are some God-designed benefits of marriage? Rank them in your life.  
How can you leverage these benefits to grow your marriage's healthiness?
6. Read **Ephesians 5:21-33**. Write down 4 observations/statements from it.
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  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.Of these, which one is most pertinent to your marriage? Why?
7. Explain how marriage teaches us that life doesn't 'revolve around me'?  
Joy is found through self-denial, living in community, and serving others.  
How have you experienced these in your marriage?  
Often people today avoid suffering at all cost, rather than acknowledging that suffering is part of normal life and can be used to do some good in us.  
Share how 'suffering' in marriage has done some good things in your life.



8. Why is marriage not primarily the search for a soul-mate?  
It is OK to think of what qualities your spouse should have, but more importantly to focus on what qualities Jesus wants you to have. Why?  
When people say marriage is 'hard work', what is meant by that? Why?
9. **Genesis 2:24-25** says, *'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and cleave (hold fast) to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.'*  
Explain why 'leaving and cleaving' must happen at one's wedding and how becoming one flesh is a life-long pursuit (journey) of ups and downs.
10. **Ephesians 5:32** says, *'This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself and let the wife see that she respects her husband.'*  
How is marriage a picture of Jesus' relationship to His Bride—the church?  
What is a husband's primary responsibility? Wife's? Why is this important?
11. Marriage is 'living the Gospel.' Read **Matthew 20:26 & Philipians 2:1-11**.  
How did (does) Jesus relate to us as sinners? Why?  
Why is a willingness to serve and even suffer for your spouse so important?  
What is an example of this in your marriage?

**Marriage Mentoring...** sign up at: <https://rockpoint.church/marriage-help>

### Growing in Godliness #1

Read **1 Timothy 4:7-8; 6:6-10; Titus 2:11-14; 2 Peter 1:3-11**

1. What do these verses say about godliness?
2. What does it mean to grow in godliness?

**Godliness=devotion in action:** devotion to God that lives a life pleasing to God.

1. What is your 'working definition' for godliness?
2. How important to God is it that every believer grows in godliness? Why?
3. On a scale of 1-10, how godly are you? Why do you say that?

## MISSIONAL LIVING

**Pray/Care/Share** Who, in your life, are you asking Jesus to save?

**Neighboring** What are you doing in your 'neighborhood' during this crisis?

**Serving** As a Life Group, who are you serving in Jesus' name?

