

RIVERVIEW CHURCH

HOME-GROUP QUESTIONS

Marriage God's Way!

With Pastor Mel Svendsen
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1 Peter 3:1-7

NOTES:

QUESTION 1

In what ways does our culture's rejection of God's design for marriage create problems that are then blamed on the design itself rather than on the failure to follow it?

QUESTION 2

How does the concept of pursuing your spouse's heart after marriage differ from the pursuit during dating, and what practical steps can you take to maintain that pursuit?

QUESTION 3

What does it mean to have a 'humble, teachable heart' in marriage, and how does pride prevent us from implementing God's plan for our relationships?

QUESTION 4

Peter describes wives having 'the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit'—how does this internal beauty manifest differently than external adornment, and why does God value it so highly?

QUESTION 5

How can husbands practically 'live with their wives in an understanding way' without being defensive when areas of growth are identified?

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Why do you think communication rather than finances is identified as the root cause of most marriage problems, and how does speaking truth in love address this?

What does it mean for husbands to demonstrate servant leadership that sees their family's needs as more important than their own, following Christ's example in Philippians 2?

How does the principle of 'zero corrupting talk' transform not only marriages but also church community, and what would change if we truly committed to only building others up?

In what ways does following Matthew 18 by going directly to someone with whom you have a conflict demonstrate both courage and spiritual maturity?

How does the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) serve as a practical checklist for evaluating our communication in marriage and other relationships?

Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:1-5; Ephesians 5:22-35;
1 Corinthians 7; Galatians 3:28; 1 Tim 2; 1 Corinthians 11:3;
Colossians 3:18; Acts 5:29; Colossians 3:22-4:1; Ephesians
4:15:29