

# 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

How does the biblical principle of 'speak the truth in love' (Ephesians 4:15) challenge the way you currently communicate in your most important relationships, and what specific changes might you need to make?

## QUESTION 2

The sermon emphasizes that husbands should set the standard for communication regardless of their spouse's behavior. How does this leadership model differ from worldly approaches to conflict, and why is it spiritually significant?

### QUESTION 3

When facing conflict, do you tend to attack the person or the problem, and how might shifting your focus transform your relationships according to the principles discussed?

## QUESTION 4

The pastor suggests that 98% of our anger is sinful despite Ephesians 4:26 saying 'be angry and do not sin.' How do you reconcile righteous anger with the call to put away all anger in verse 31?

## QUESTION 5

What does it mean practically to 'live with your wife in an understanding way' (1 Peter 3:7), and how might this principle of understanding apply to all Christian relationships?

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The sermon states that 'a successful marriage is guided by one's commitment to Christ and the principles of Scripture.' How does prioritizing Christ above your spouse actually strengthen rather than weaken the marriage bond?

Why do you think the pastor emphasizes inviting God into problems early rather than as a last resort, and how does this reflect our true beliefs about God's power and involvement in daily life?

The fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) is presented as the foundation for communication. Which of these qualities do you find most challenging to maintain during conflict?

How does the principle of being 'quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger' (James 1:19-20) counter our natural tendencies, and what spiritual disciplines might help cultivate this posture?

The sermon challenges using 'you statements' in favor of 'I feel' statements during conflict. How does this shift in language reflect humility and Christlikeness in communication?

Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Corinthians 13; Roman 12:17-19;  
Colossians 3:13; Ephesians 4:26; Ephesians 4:31; Galatians  
5:22-23; 1 Corinthians 13:1-8