



Session 1 Relationship Reboot

Connect

- Do you have a “crazy” marriage story that you would like to share?

Watch Corresponding Video; Read *Ephesians 5:21*

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Three Steps For Revival In Your Marriage

1. Forgiveness

What we don't release, we retain and it bogs our lives down with bitterness! Make forgiveness a regular part of your marital relationship by sincerely confessing, “I was wrong. I'm sorry. Will you forgive me?”

2. Rediscover Sacrifice for Each Other

This is the idea that your spouse is just as important in the relationship as you are!

Jesus shows us how to submit. We see Him submit to the will of God the Father on our behalf on the cross! Jesus cared for us so much that He saw us as worth paying the ultimate price for our sins! Submission is love in action!

3. Seek To Fulfill Your Spouse's Needs Over Your Own

Great joy is found in bringing others fulfillment and joy! It is a sacrificial attitude and commitment for the good of your spouse! Marriage is the Gospel made visible! (God's love).

Share

1. In what ways can our marriages honor God?
2. How has marriage revealed selfishness in your life?
3. What are ways that we can sacrifice in our marriages?
4. What are ways that our marriages can be a positive influence in our culture?
5. What are some practical and fun ways you have found to reboot your marriage?

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Is there someone in your life that needs to be encouraged in their relationships and/or marriage? What can you do to help them?



Session 2 Relationship Communication

Connect

- What is a funny story about a breakdown in communication?

Watch Corresponding Video; Read / Peter 5:8-9

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Our relationships are one of the greatest ways people see Jesus in our lives. We may be the only “bible” that people may “read.” What “story” are they taking away in their relationship with you? We must realize if we do not communicate effectively, our relationships will fail!

Three Areas of Failed Communication that Lead to Destruction:

1. Finances

When it comes to finances, we must have priorities and be on the same page with our spouses about how to spend money, how to save money, and to be in agreement!

2. Family

Many people get married without ever discussing how “their” family will work and how they will raise their own children.

There must be a unified vision and direction in your family!

3. Needs

We as individuals are all created different and we have different needs; yet, we all have similar basic needs: spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical. God created us with these needs in our lives. God created a suitable helper to meet the needs of one another.

Share

1. What are the best environments for your communication? Examples: going on a walk, taking a day trip etc.
2. How do you protect communication lines in your marriage?
3. What is something encouraging you can share about your spouse in the area of finances, family and needs?
4. Why do you think these three areas are difficult to discuss?
5. Who did you see model healthy communication and how has that helped you?

Serve

What are ways we can encourage our friends when they are struggling with communication in their relationships?



Session 3 Parenting to Honor God

Connect

- Share a funny parenting story.

Watch Corresponding Video; Read *Deuteronomy 6:6-7*

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We must be people who surrender our lives to the word of God and train up our children to live by and honor the word of God.

Failures Parents Make:

- Lack of Consistency with Parenting
- Lack of Unity between Parents
- Lack of Reinforcement of Family Guidelines
- No Evidence of Christian Walk

Helping our Children to Focus on Christ:

- Love, respect, and honor God, parents, and others
- Guard the pathways to their hearts (what they see, hear, speak...)
- Open and honest communication with God, parents, and others

Share

1. What are creative ways to point our children to Jesus?
2. How important is it to balance time with our kids and in our marriage?
3. Who is a great example of a Godly parent in your life? Why?
4. How much of our actions shape our children's? (We always have an audience.)
5. What do we do when we are tired of fighting with our kids to get them to do the right things?
6. How can you be proactive instead of reactive in your parenting?

Serve

Take time to pray for the parents/ grandparents in your group on this exciting journey of parenting.



Session 4 Men Honoring God in Marriage

Connect

- What has being a husband taught you that you have not learned in any other role?

Watch Corresponding Video; Read *Ephesians 5:25-28-23*

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Three Ways God Calls Men to Love Their Wives

1. Give Yourself Up in Love for Her

The husband is called to love his wife as Jesus showed His love for His Church when He gave up His life for her! Men, when we respond to our wives with that kind of sacrificial love, it will lead her to a place of sanctification and joy! The spiritual direction of your household is most dependent on you. When we put our wives in that role, we are robbing her of the role she should be playing and we are robbing our children of the spiritual direction that they need from a Godly father!

A family without the spiritual leadership of the father is like the Church without Jesus--helpless! Where would the Church stand before God without Jesus? Jesus pursues His Church, we must pursue our wives with that same passion and love to redeem her and build her up! How? Get in the Word consistently!

2. Love Her as You Love Yourself

What would you be willing to do to survive? All men have this survival instinct within us and we are willing to do whatever it takes to eat and survive. The same way we would go to whatever lengths to survive is the same love we must take into our marriage for our wife!

3. Love Her so Much You are Willing to Leave Behind Anything

Jesus left glory at the right hand of God the Father, because He loved us so much and wanted to be united with His Bride, the Church. What are you willing to leave behind? For many of us our pride has us holding on to something in the past or some addiction in the present that is robbing us of God's blessing in our marriages! We must be willing to do anything to keep our marriages together!

Share

1. Who have you seen exemplify biblical manhood and marriage in your life?
2. What are ways that you have learned your spouse experiences love?
3. What is something that your spouse gave up for your benefit?
4. How do we show that we value our spouses in the ways we submit to their needs and aspirations?
5. Ladies, what are ways we can support our husband or future husband to live out this call of God in His life?
6. Ladies, how do you demonstrate honor and respect for your husband?

Serve

Take time to pray for husbands as they strive to fulfill this important responsibility.



Session 5 Women Honoring God in Marriage

Connect

- What has being a wife taught you that you have not learned in any other role?

Watch Corresponding Video; Read *Ephesians 5:22-24* and 33

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Five Essentials To Being a Godly Wife

1. Submit to Your Husband's Biblical Leadership

There is a call for mutual submission from both the husband and the wife, but God gives the wife a special responsibility of submission to the leadership of the husband. Ladies, you should submit to your husband's leadership as long as it aligns with the Word of God.

Submission Does *Not* Mean:

- 1). A husband is in ultimate authority (God is...).
- 2). A wife does not have independent thoughts.
- 3). A wife does not seek to influence her husband.
- 4). A wife must obey her husband's command to sin.
- 5). A wife is less intelligent or competent than her husband.

Submission Does Mean:

- 1) A husband and wife are equal with complementary roles.
- 2) Wives are to submit like Jesus did in Gethsemane (Luke 22:42).
- 3) Husbands are to lovingly lead like Jesus does the Church (Eph. 5:25).
- 4) A single woman should only marry a man she can follow.
- 5) Christian marriage shows the Trinity and the Gospel.

2. Give Your Husband Respect

It is essential if you want your husband to respond appropriately to you! There is something in the way men are wired that if they are shown respect, they translate that into love, but if they are disrespected they shut down. Each wife must discern how her husband needs to be respected and honored that as long as it is God honoring! Grace Driscoll says: "Respect is to notice, regard, honor, prefer, defer to, encourage, love, and admire." Do you respect your husband? Every wife, if she's honest, would say, "I've got room to grow."

3. Protect Him from the Attacks of Satan through Prayer and Physical Needs

The enemy wants to destroy and divide, we must unite and build!

4. Be a Peacemaker

Be a woman of peace and comfort (Prov. 25:24).

5. Be Beautiful

Be filled with purity and reverence toward God.



**Session 5 Cont.
Women Honoring God in Marriage**

Share

1. How can submission be life-giving?
2. Who have you seen exemplify Godliness in their role as a wife?
3. What are ways as a husband we can encourage and support our wives?
4. What are practical ways that we can respect each other in the marriage relationship?
5. How have you found ways to fight for peace and unity in your marriage?
6. How have you discovered to continue to build your friendship?

Serve

Take time to pray for wives as they strive to fulfill this important responsibility.



Session 6 Honoring God as the Church

Connect

- What is something you can celebrate about the Church's influence in your life?

Watch Corresponding Video; Read *1 Peter 4:7-10*

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Four Roles You Have in the Church

1. Take Care of Your Own Soul

If you are taking care of your soul and seeking Jesus through His Word, you will be obedient and engaged. God has a part for you to play on His team and God's team doesn't have bench players, so get in the game and get your heart right!

2. Serve to Build Up the Body of Christ

We exist as a church that Build Lives that Honor God! It is sin for you to remain disconnected or to be a church hopper. It is not honoring God for you to go to different places each month based on what they have for you! Be a contributor, not a leach. God has more for your life...serve, serve, serve!

3. Give to Advance the Kingdom of God

You have what you have because of God's grace and mercy, don't hoard it and hold on selfishly to your blessings, but use your blessings to bless others and advance the kingdom by being a generous person. God wants to use your life in mighty ways through generosity!

4. Invest and Invite

Think about your life: Think about the grace that has been extended to you through Jesus. The Church was created for our participation to reach our neighbors and the nations.

We cannot walk in obedience to Christ without also walking in obedience with our calling to the church.

Share

1. Who is someone in your life who has exemplified how to serve the church well?
2. Why is dedication to the church family such an important aspect of living a life that honor's God?
3. What are practical ways that we chose God's purpose over our preference?
4. How has the church family given God's grace to you in a time of need?
5. What are some practical ways we can love deeply toward our church family?
6. How does taking care of your soul make you more effective in serving your church?
7. What are positive ways we can encourage our church in a negative world?

Serve

Take time to pray for your church and the leadership.