

## **WEEK 12: INTACT MARRIAGE**

### **1 Peter 3:1-7**

1. YOUR MARRIAGE CAN BE A PLATFORM FOR PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL
2. YOUR MARRIAGE IS A PARTNERSHIP FOR GROWING IN GRACE

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Of all the things shared in this message, what one thing impacted you the most?
2. For singles, what can you take from this week's message to prepare you for the future?
3. What comes to your mind when you think about marriage?
4. What kind of marriage did you see in the house you grew up in? How has that affected you?
5. For those who are single, what would God want to work on in your life to make you the spouse He desires you to be?
6. Do you know any married couples whose marriage is the kind of marriage you want to have one day? What about their relationship is so meaningful to you?
7. What are some difficulties you have faced in marriage? How have you and your spouse approached these difficulties? If you're single, what do you think are the most common ones? How do you plan to approach them?
8. What does it mean for men and women to be equal in value but different in role/responsibilities? Do you agree with this? How does this look in your marriage?
9. What are some of the ways marriage is portrayed in our culture? What things does the Bible say should be radically different in our marriages?
10. Mark said that marriage is hard work. What are some of the external pressures that you are experiencing that put additional pressure on your marriage? How does your Christian walk help to overcome these distractions?
11. A Christian marriage, good or bad, can be one of the most important places where we can live out our faith in Jesus Christ, especially in times of struggle, pain and suffering. How is your marriage a platform for proclaiming the Gospel?
12. Mark said everybody is watching our marriages. What do people see when they observe your marriage? If you're single, what do you hope they'll see?
13. What comes to mind when you think about "submission?" Has this teaching changed your thinking?
14. Mark said that there is nothing more important to a man than respect. How can a wife show respect for her husband even when he doesn't deserve it?
15. In our culture today, youth and beauty are worshiped. Peter said that a woman's real beauty is found in her gentle and quiet spirit and ultimately in her relationship with Jesus. What does this mean in 2017?
16. Peter challenged men to live with their wives in a considerate, understanding way, as equal in value. Men, what can you do to relate to your wives in a respectful, honoring, and loving way?
17. Mark challenged all of us to not only embrace the differences between men and women, but to celebrate the differences because in a healthy marriage, those differences only serve to complement each other. What are some of the most obvious differences between you and your spouse? If you're single, what do you think would be the most

obvious differences between you and your spouse if you were married? How can you celebrate the differences?