

Parenting: Winning the Battle for Your Child's Heart

Marriage Matters

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Notes

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. *Read John 13:34.*

If we're really honest, it's harder to love the "one anothers" that live under the same roof we do, than the ones who don't. Our families don't always get the best version of us. How might you live out this Jesus kind of love in your marriage or closest relationships?

Reflect on what you learned about marriage from the examples you had in your life as a child. How did what you saw or experienced shape your perspective about marriage?

What kind of story are you telling your kids about God through the way you relate to your spouse? Is there an area where you need to grow in order to better model loving the way Jesus did for the kids who are watching you?

2. *Read Ephesians 5:21-33.*

What does it mean to submit to one another out of reverence for Christ? Why is mutual submission important for a healthy marriage? Based on your understanding and experience, what does that look like, practically, in daily life?

Considering this passage, why is faith important for a healthy marriage? How has your faith affected the way you view marriage?

Which words, phrases, or instructions in this passage stand out or resonate with you? Why do you think that is?

Have your views on what makes a marriage successful changed over the years? Why or why not?

What do you think the kids in your life have learned about marriage from your example?

Protect and invest. Be a student of your spouse. Be your spouse's loudest cheerleader. Practice showing gratitude. Harness the 'ahh' factor. Which principle do you most need to work on in your marriage?