Till Death Do Us Part | Week 7

Introduction

God designed us for relationships - first with Him, then with others. In marriage, two become "one flesh" as they submit to each other out of reverence for Christ, creating a union where each partner brings strength to the other's weakness.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- What's one piece of advice about love or relationships you've heard that made you laugh (but maybe had a little truth in it)?
- What's one way you intentionally grow in wisdom—whether that's through prayer, time in the Word, or learning from others?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

Watch video (5 minutes)

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

- 1. Who is a couple you admire and why?
- 2. Read Genesis 2:7, 2:18, 2:21-25. God says it's "not good for man to be alone" and creates a "helper suitable for him." The Hebrew word used here is "ezer," meaning "one who brings strength where another is weak."
 - How does this definition change or enhance your understanding of relationships?
 - In verses 24-25, we read that a man and woman become "one flesh" and "felt no shame." What does this teach us about God's design for vulnerability and intimacy in relationships? What might prevent us from experiencing this kind of freedom from shame today?
- 3. Read Ephesians 5:21.
 - What does mutual submission look like in practice? How is this different from how our culture often views relationships?
- 4. One of the "Marriage Goals" from Robert's message this weekend was to "Keep God First." This applies to all of us, whether or not we are married.

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Is God first in your life right now? If yes, what are some rhythms or practices you
use to help you keep Him first? If not, what is keeping you from making this
relationship first in your life?

Prayer (5 minutes)

Close your group time in prayer. You can use these words or your own words:

Lord, thank You for creating us for relationship - with You and with others. Help us submit to one another out of reverence for Christ, bringing strength where others are weak. Guide us to protect the "one flesh" relationships You've entrusted to us. Amen.

Announcements (5 minutes)

- Join us for the Night of Prayer at your campus on Sunday, September 28 at 6PM. Find more information and pre-register for childcare at https://www.sunvalleycc.com/nightofprayer.
- Our "At the Movies" series will take place every weekend in October! Please begin praying about who you will invite to join you at church during this series.

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