

Redeeming Marriage

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· Put the Lord first (the GROUND of marriage)

· Share a loyal love (the GLUE of marriage)

· Nurture tender affection (the GLOW of marriage)

· Buy each other back (the GOAL of marriage)

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. Do you sense that less people in general want to get married today? Why do you think this is? What have you found (or what would you anticipate to be) challenging in marriage? What have you found (or would you anticipate being) a blessing in marriage?
3. Read Psalm 34:8-10 and Matthew 6:33. What were some ways Ruth and Boaz prioritized the Lord in their lives? Have you found that the closer you get to the Lord, the closer you get to your spouse? Explain.
4. Read Exodus 34:6-7 and some verses in Psalm 136. In what ways have you experienced God's loyal love in your life? We noted that this concept of "love" is difficult to translate into English. How would you describe it?
5. In your own words describe the difference between being driven by devotion and driven by emotion in relationships. Describe the difference between a relational contract and a covenant.
6. What are some practical ways you can nurture affection for your spouse, or for others God has called you to be devoted to?
7. Read Isaiah 54:4-8 and Revelation 19:7. What does it mean to you that the Lord is described as a husband and Jesus as a bridegroom?
8. Read Isaiah 43:1-7, Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:13-14. Do you believe you have been redeemed by Jesus? How would you explain this redemption to someone else?
9. What are some practical ways you can help your spouse, or others in your life, to feel loved and valued when they feel empty and worthless?
10. Be real – how are you really doing in your marriage, or in your singleness? How can people pray for you?

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Consider signing up for Family Life's Weekend to Remember in Reston 4/28-30

– details at familylife.com/weekend-to-remember

Meditate on Ruth 1:16-18, Isaiah 54:4-8, Psalm 136, Ephesians 1:7, Ephesians 5:21-33

Read "Loyal-Love" – https://bit.ly/loyal_love

Read "Four Things God Says to Singles" – <https://bit.ly/Godsaysingles>

Read "The Ultimate Kinsman Redeemer" - <https://bit.ly/kinsmanredeemer>

Read *Marriage* by Paul David Tripp

Read *Moments Together for Couples* – a devotional by Dennis & Barbara Rainey

Watch "Loyal Love" – <https://bit.ly/loyallovevideo>

Listen to "Loyal Love" – <https://bit.ly/loyal-love>

Listen to "Loyal" – https://bit.ly/_loyal