

**Family Focused**  
Marriage and Discipleship

**Introduction:**

Discipleship necessitates relationships; and certain \_\_\_\_\_ necessitate \_\_\_\_\_.

The Christian home ought to be a strong \_\_\_\_\_ community.

The family was created by God and \_\_\_\_\_ God.

**The First Human Relationship:**

1. Marriage was created by God
  - a. Genesis 1:31
    - i. It is very \_\_\_\_\_!
    - ii. Proverbs 18:22
  - b. Genesis 2:18-25
    - i. God created the woman because something was \_\_\_\_\_ good.
    - ii. God created the woman from the man.
    - iii. God created the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - iv. Marriage involves:
      1. L \_\_\_\_\_
        - a. "Abandon" must be balanced with other Scriptures like Deuteronomy 4:9 and 1 Timothy 5:8.
        - b. Understand the TPT Principle:
          - i. Temporary
          - ii. Permanent
          - iii. Temporary
        - c. Your mate becomes your \_\_\_\_\_ concern
        - d. C \_\_\_\_\_
        - e. Leaving without cleaving is \_\_\_\_\_.
        - f. Welding together
      2. W \_\_\_\_\_
        - a.  $1 + 1 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
        - b. \_\_\_\_\_ ought to be the most intimate of all human relationships.
  - c. General observations:
    - i. Marriage is the \_\_\_\_\_ human relationship established by God.
    - ii. Marriage is the most \_\_\_\_\_ of human relationships.
    - iii. Marriage is to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of God's covenant relationship with His people.
    - iv. If you are married, loving your neighbor includes your \_\_\_\_\_.

2. How does marriage relate to the process of discipleship?
  - a. No matter your marital status, we must have a \_\_\_\_\_ view of marriage.
  - b. When your spouse is an unbeliever, you have a huge \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity.
    - i. By biblically fulfilling your role in marriage, you have the opportunity without “\_\_\_\_\_” at your spouse to “win” your spouse to Christ. (1 Peter 3:1; Ephesians 5:25; 1 Corinthians 7:12-16).
  - c. Married Men, consider some discipleship applications stemming from your marriage:
    - i. You have a great discipleship ministry in leading your wife.
      1. L\_\_\_\_\_ – 1 Peter 3:7
      2. L\_\_\_\_\_ – Ephesians 5:25 -33
      3. L\_\_\_\_\_ – Ephesians 5:23-33
        - a. The temptation at the Fall of man was for the man not to lead his wife. (Genesis 3:6)
        - b. The result of the Fall negatively impacts our desire to biblically lead our wives (Genesis 3:16)
        - c. The power of the \_\_\_\_\_ changes us to lead our wives as we ought.
    - ii. Fulfilling your role in marriage is a qualifying factor for further ministry:
      1. To the \_\_\_\_\_ – Ephesians 5:32
      2. To your \_\_\_\_\_ – Ephesians 6:1-4
      3. To younger men in the \_\_\_\_\_ – Titus 1-2
      4. To serving your \_\_\_\_\_, maybe even as a pastor or deacon – 1 Timothy 3
  - d. Married women, consider some discipleship applications stemming from your marriage:
    - i. You have a great discipleship opportunity in \_\_\_\_\_ your husband. Proverbs 31:11, 23; 12:4; 14:1; 21:9, 19; 25:24; 27:15
    - ii. Your ministry to your husband will grow as you fulfill your \_\_\_\_\_ as a wife.
      1. F\_\_\_\_\_ – 1 Peter 3:1-6; Ephesians 5:22
      2. F\_\_\_\_\_ – Ephesians 5:33
      3. F\_\_\_\_\_ – Genesis 2:18
    - iii. Fulfilling your role in marriage is a qualifying factor for further ministry:
      1. To the \_\_\_\_\_
      2. To your \_\_\_\_\_
      3. To other \_\_\_\_\_ in the church (Titus 2:4-5)
      4. To others saints in general and to others in need

**Conclusion:** Discipleship necessitates relationships; and certain \_\_\_\_\_ necessitate

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**Family Focused: Discussion**  
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1. What have you been learning from the Word of God this week?
2. How have you been sharing or applying what you are learning from the Word in your family relationships?
3. Discipleship necessitates relationships; certain relationships necessitate discipleship. Can you identify the relationships that you are in where discipleship is not optional, but essential? (i.e. - a husband is to lead his wife)
4. What distractions keep us from focusing on discipleship in family relationships?
5. Why should a Christian family be a strong theological community? What challenges do families face today in becoming theologically strong?
6. Why is there a low view of marriage in our culture?
7. What are things we can do as individuals, families and as a church to proclaim a right view of marriage?
8. What implications does the truth that God created the family have on your view of the family or on your role in the family?
9. How does marriage picture God's covenant relationship with His people? What implications does this have on your relationship with God?
10. What is meant by the statement, "by biblically fulfilling your role in marriage, you have the opportunity without 'preaching' at your spouse to 'win' your spouse to Christ"?
11. What are specific examples of attitudes or actions that a husband should demonstrate in fulfilling his role to his wife? What are specific examples for a wife?
12. How does a godly marriage open the door to further discipleship opportunities?