

Ephesians

Scripture:

Ephesians 5:22-33

Matthew 5:46; 19:3-4; 1 Corinthians 7:28

Discussion Questions

1. **Do you remember some gifts you've given to your sweetheart for Valentine's Day? Or some you've received?**
2. **What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the book of Ephesians?**
3. The passage for this week's sermon focuses on marriage, but many principles can be transferred to relationships in general:
 - **What similarities does marriage share with other relationships?**
 - **What makes marriage different from other relationships?**
4. **On a scale of 1-10, how well do we value marriage? Why?**
5. Several concepts were talked through in the sermon to help people get off the crazy cycle in a relationship:
 - My response is my responsibility!
 - We act out what we don't talk out
 - Be the first to soften the exchange
 - Giving unconditional love and respect means you are giving something to someone they don't deserve
 - Trust the gift you are giving in obedience to Christ will be rewarded

How do these concepts point beyond the relationship to God?

What principles from the sermon or Ephesians are pointing out need for change in your marriage? In your relationships?

What will you do this week to improve your approach to a relationship in your life?