

Sermon Discussion Guide 2/17-2/23 VGroup Meetings

Sermon Title: Fearless: In Marriage - Mark 10:6-9

Distribute name tags as people enter. Take attendance in FellowshipOne / collect new guest information including address, phone & email, etc. Allow folks to mingle, fellowship, and settle in with each other. Download/email resources from www.vgroups.org. Source for study guide, covenant, and more.

Open the session with prayer.

Discussion Starter/Ice Breaker: (15-20 mins)

Think about marriage. What are some reasons why marriages fail today? Be as specific as possible.

Discussion Questions: (30-45 mins)

1. Read Mark 10:6-9 together. What are God's 3 purposes of marriage? (focus points from sermon)
2. Read the following verses and discuss which focus point(s) they support and why.
 - a. Genesis 2:18-24
 - b. Psalms 119: 1-6
 - c. Proverbs 3:5-6
 - d. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
 - e. Hosea 2:19
 - f. Matthew 6:33
 - g. Romans 8:28; 15:5-6
 - h. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
 - i. Galatians 6:1-2
 - j. Ephesians 4:30-32; 5:25-33
 - k. Hebrews 4:12-16
3. Think of a time in your marriage where YOU took the wheel and thought you could fly the plane.
 - a. Was it a specific thing in your marriage you thought you could handle or the broader idea of marriage? Describe the situation/circumstance & result.
 - b. When we lose focus on God in our marriage, we lose the security - the hope - the contentment - the joy - the fulfillment He provides in the marriage relationship. What "things" do we reach for to momentarily fill the these voids in our lives/marriages when this happens?
4. Thinking about teamwork within the marriage & viewing the marriage as a covenant. How can couples work as a team to uphold a marriage covenant?
 - a. How many covenants did God make then break in the Bible?
 - b. If God is the pilot of our lives & then pilot of our marriages, how would the teamwork element be effected within the marriage? Would marriage success rates go up or down? Explain.
5. Go back to your list of why marriages fail today. Based on the verses & the sermon, what are some things that can be done to combat these issues?
6. Are there areas of marriage that you find fearful? What are they? What steps can be taken to overcome those fears?
7. As we continue thinking about our story, focus today & this week on your moment of Salvation. Who helped you understand what becoming a Christian meant? Describe your salvation experience.

Closing: Open the floor for discussion / questions.

Prayer Requests:

Close in prayer.

