

OCF Small Groups: *passionately pursuing God, healthy relationships with each other, and people who don't know Jesus, as part of a Gospel Community.*

Marriage

(Sunday, January 22)

1. It won't be quite identical exactly or maybe one is missing, but which of these TV families might reflect your family growing up and why: Cleavers? Flintstones? Bradys? Huxtables? Waltons? Jetsons? Full House? Adams? Family Matters? Simpsons? Modern Family? Blackish? Fresh Off The Boat? Goldbergs? Malcolm in the Middle? Last Man Standing? My Wife and Kids?

If none of the above fits, then please share what your family situation was like growing up.

What do you remember or know about your parents' marriage?

2. In Ephesians 5: 22-31, what relationship is marriage symbolic of? In what ways?

3. Men (single or married): share your thoughts about the standard for husbands in verses 25 and 28.

What implication does "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her" (v. 25) have? What does this look like?

4. Women (single or married): share your thoughts about the standards for wives in verses 22 and 23?

What implication does "Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord" have? What does this look like?

5. What is the modern-day view of marriage?

How does it compare to the biblical view of marriage in Ephesians 5?

6. How would you explain the goal of a biblical Christian marriage? What is its purpose?

How does the goal and purpose help inform and determine the biblical reasons why one would get married?

7. Whom do you look up to as a good role model for marriage?

8. What are some ways we can help marriages flourish in our church family?