

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

A PROFOUND MYSTERY: WEEK 2

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

Think of the happiest married couple you know. Why do you think their marriage has been so successful? What are some practices/attitudes you have seen in their relationship? What keeps other couples from doing these same things?

What are some words you would use to describe our culture's attitude towards marriage? What are some of the reasons why people feel this way? How have Christian couples contributed to these attitudes? What are some ways we can have a more positive impact going forward?

Read Ephesians 5:21-33. As you read through, circle all the commands Paul gives to wives and underline the commands he gives to husbands. In your opinion, which spouse has a more difficult task according to this passage? What makes you say that? How do these commands compare/contrast with today's views on marriage?

The verses that bookend this passage (5:21 and 5:33) almost serve as a summary for the whole thing. How does every command in this passage come back to these two verses? How would putting these two verses in practice help resolve some of the most common arguments that couples face today?

Why is it so easy for couples to become experts in each other's faults? In what ways does marriage help a person uncover their own faults? What are some practical habits that could help couples encourage each other's strengths rather than emphasizing their faults?

Read Philippians 2:3-4. What would these verses look like in a marriage? How do they tie into the ideas of love and submission? How does it affect a marriage if each spouse is only looking to their own needs? What would change if they looked to the needs of their partner instead?