

Marriage

Warm-Up Questions:

- What is (or was) the best thing about marriage?
 - If you have never been married, what have you observed/heard from your married friends and family?
- What is (or was) the hardest thing about marriage?

Read Matthew 19:4-6; Mark 8:35; Ephesians 5:25

I. Marriage: Fail (Matthew 6:9-10; Genesis 2:24)

A. Lack of Transcendent Purpose

- What are some of the unhealthy purposes you've had for marriage or have seen people have?
- What is our primary purpose as human beings (WSC Q & A 1)? What are we created for? How can we pursue this goal in marriage?

B. Impossible Expectations

- What are some unhealthy expectations you went into marriage with? What unhealthy expectations do you think our culture encourages?

C. Lack of Ability/Humility

- How have you come to a deeper understanding of your own sin through marriage? Has this realization changed the way you relate to your spouse?

II. Marriage: Flourishing (Ephesians 5:25)

- Can you think of examples in your life when you've been "run over" or overwhelmed by grace? How did it impact you?
- Where does the power for marriage come from (Ephesians 5:21, 25)?

Going Deeper:

Read and discuss Christopher Ash's short article on marriage:

- What is marriage?
- What is its purpose?

