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The Practice of Marriage

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### **KEY SCRIPTURE**

Ephesians 5:21-33 1 Corinthians 13

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# **START TALKING**. Find a conversation starter for your group.

 What would you say are the most critical subjects that a person should prepare for when considering marriage?

## **START THINKING**. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

 What are the "purposes" of marriage according to Pastor Matt's message? Discuss.

## **START SHARING**. Choose a question to create openness.

- Why is it necessary to discuss marriage practices; why isn't it enough to discuss marriage purposes? Why is there sometimes a breakdown between a good "theology" of marriage and a good practice in marriage?
- Read Ephesians 5:21-33. What is something from the text that really challenges the culture messaging about marriage? What's the most difficult part of Ephesians 5:21-33?
- Read Ephesians 5:15-16. What does it mean to look circumspectly at your marriage? How has it suggested that we can see our marriage circumspectly?
- What wisdom suggestions were made on Sunday for a healthy marriage? Would you change anything on this list? Would you add anything to this list?
- What does it mean for our marriage that the "days are evil?" Do you
  live like the "days are evil?" How is marriage under attack right now?
  Why is marriage under attack?

## **START PRAYING**. Be bold and pray with power.

Pray for the marriages in our church. Pray for single adults in our church.
 Pray we will see and experience the influence of spiritual siblinghood as
 God intends.

