

SERMON NOTES

Date: April 22, 2018

Series: Messy Church

Title: The Gospel and Marriage (Part 2)

Text: 1 Corinthians 7:6-16

Big Idea: What is God's design for marriage?

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

What are the differences between the way the world approaches marriage and a distinctly Christian approach? _____

Compare what Paul says about marriage in 1 Corinthians 7:1-16 with what he writes in Ephesians 5:22-33. What do both passages teach about God's design for marriage? _____

APPLY THE TRUTH

How consciously do you think of both marriage and celibacy as a gift? What benefits come from this understanding and how does it apply to your circumstances? _____

How does the permanence of God's design for marriage reflect his character and love for you? How can you reflect God's character in the way you approach your own marriage or other relationships? _____

'God has called us to live in peace' (1 Cor. 7:15). What is the application of this principle in marriage? In what other areas of the Christian's life does the principle apply? (Eph. 4:3; 1 Thes. 5:13; Heb. 12:14) _____

How can you and the church practically come along side those with struggling marriages, those facing divorce, or those with divorce as part of their story? _____

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Spend some time purposefully praying for your own marriage and the marriages around you. Ask God to show you how you can be a practical encouragement to your own spouse, or to a couple who may be struggling.