



lyona bible church

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS – MARCH 14, 2010

Announcements – Please read these to your group!

Please check your bulletin and the website (www.lyona.org) each week for additional information.

- **THEOS:** A new semester started this Sunday, March 14 beginning at 9am. Classes are still open.
- **Sportsman's Banquet:** This year's expo and banquet will be held on Saturday, April 24 starting at 4pm.

Desperate Households: Leadership, Part 3 (Genesis 2:18-25)

Questions

1. What was the most interesting idea or principle about this Sunday's message?
2. Someone once said that there are 3 decisions that shape a person's life: faith, marriage, and vocation. How is marriage a decision that can shape your life? Why is marriage such a significant relationship?
3. When things get crazy in any relationship, especially marriage, why is it easier to focus on everything else than on that relationship? Why is it easier to focus on work instead of focusing on your spouse?
4. Have someone read Genesis 1:26, 27. How is the image of God best expressed in the marriage relationship?
5. Have someone read Genesis 2:18-23. God designed differences in men and women to compliment each other. But why do our marriages and relationships get so competitive?
6. Have someone read Genesis 2:24-25. Other than sex, a husband and wife are to be completely "naked" (transparent and honest) with each other. How can you be completely transparent and honest with your spouse?
7. Have someone read 1 Corinthians 7:1-7. God designs sex, or the physical relationship, in marriage for procreation, pleasure, and protection. Why is it a popular idea, especially with singles, to think sex makes a good marriage? Isn't sex a product of a healthy marriage?
8. Do you, after hearing the sermon this Sunday, need to confess anything or repent of anything? What in your life needs to change?
9. Please e-mail your questions about marriage and family to us at info@lyona.org or michael@lyona.org. We will have a Q&A together next week during the morning service to answer these questions.

Prayer Requests

A place to write out your groups' prayer requests

SERMON NOTES

Each header with sub-points is a slide used in Sunday morning's PowerPoint presentation.

Text: Genesis 1:26-27, 2:18-25; 1 Corinthians 7:1-7; Ephesians 4:25-32

Speaker: Michael Fraser

Message: Desperate Households: Marriage, Part 5

Intimates or Inmates? Manipulation or Ministry? (www.marriagebuilders.com)

- LOVE BUSTERS:
 - Selfish Demands
 - Disrespectful Judgments
 - Angry Outbursts
 - Annoying Behavior
 - Independent Behavior
 - Dishonesty

- Apart from knowing God, marriage is the most significant relationship we can have.
- It is a high calling, and it is unattainable apart from conscious dependence upon the grace and power of God.
- No one plans on having a humdrum marriage, but without the right objectives a couple will gradually drift into one.
- It is easy to concentrate on things rather than relationship, places rather than people, and the material rather than the spiritual.

Some Principles to Ponder:

1. The image of God is best expressed in the marriage relationship.
 - Genesis 1:26,27
2. The God designed differences of men and women are to be complementary, not competitive.
 - Genesis 2:18-22
 - Dr. Laura Schlessinger: 'The Proper Care and Feeding of Husbands'
 - RESPECT
 - APPRECIATION
 - SUPPORT
 - PHYSICAL AFFECTION
3. God designed marriage to be a source of joy and fulfillment.
 - Genesis 2:23-25
4. Marriage is a reciprocal relationship, designed to meet the needs of others.
 - 1 Cor. 7:1-7
5. Marriage should never be static, but dynamic. It is either growing or dying!
 - Understanding the dynamic of marriage (roles and responsibilities) is a must!
 - **FOR THE INFORMATION LISTED NEXT PLEASE REFER TO THE CHART AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE**
 - Messages in Communication:
 - What you mean to say.
 - What you actually said.
 - What the other person hears.
 - What the other person says about what you said.
 - What you think the other person said about what you said.
 - Four Rules of Communication: Ephesians 4:25-32
 1. Be Honest!
 2. Keep Current!
 3. Attack the Problem not the Person!
 4. Be quick to Forgive!
 - The Physical Relationship in marriage is designed by God for:
 - Procreation
 - Pleasure
 - Protection

The Physical relationship was never intended to lead to a good marriage, but to be the product of a good marriage.

For next Week:

- Email your questions about Marriage and Family to us.
- We will have a Q and A / Fireside Chat together and answer the questions submitted.

