RIVERVIEW CHURCH

HOME-GROUP QUESTIONS

Marriage God's Way!

With Pastor Mel Svendsen
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1 Peter 3:1-7

NOTES:

QUESTION 1

How does the concept of agape love challenge the cultural norm of conditional love in marriage, and what practical steps can you take to demonstrate unconditional love to your spouse even when they disappoint you?

QUESTION 2

In what ways might pride be preventing you from apologizing to your spouse or accepting biblical instruction about your role in marriage?

QUESTION 3

Peter instructs wives to win over unbelieving husbands through conduct rather than words. How does this principle of influence through example apply to other relationships in your life where you face spiritual opposition?

QUESTION 4

How does understanding that both men and women are created equal in dignity and worth before God, yet distinct in roles, reshape your view of biblical submission and leadership?

QUESTION 5

What does it mean for a husband to be a servant leader rather than a domineering authority, and how does Jesus' model of leadership inform this understanding?

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QUESTION 6

The sermon compares marriage to a pilot and co-pilot working together. How can this image help couples navigate decision-making and shared responsibilities while honoring their distinct roles?

QUESTION 7

Why do you think God placed the spiritual component (agape love) as the foundation of the relational triangle rather than the physical or emotional aspects?

QUESTION 8

How might holding unforgiveness or bitterness toward your spouse be poisoning your own spiritual life, physical health, and relationship with God?

QUESTION 9

What would change in your marriage if both partners prioritized loving God more than loving each other, and why does this actually strengthen rather than weaken the marital bond?

QUESTION 10

If you were to honestly assess your marriage against the characteristics of love in 1 Corinthians 13, which qualities are most lacking and what concrete actions could you take this week to grow in that area?

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE:

Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:1-5; Ephesians 5:22-35;
1 Corinthians 7; Galatians 3:28; 1 Tim 2; 1 Corinthians 11:3;
Acts 5:29; Colossians 3:22-4:1