

Your Blueprint

*Introduction to Ephesians 5:22-33: Genesis 1-2
A Sermon by Chris Mueller*

Introduction:

PART ONE: PEOPLE BLUEPRINT

#1 People are God's _____ Creation

3:19 in death we will return to the ground

18:27 I am but dust and ashes

#2 People are made to enjoy _____ with each other

1st Humans were not meant to live in _____

2nd _____ are no substitute for humans

PART TWO: MARRIAGE BLUEPRINT

#1 Marriage is a commitment _____ by God

Matthew 19 4 And He answered and said, "Have you not read, that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, 5 and said, 'For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh'? 6 "Consequently they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.

#2 – Marriage is _____ for a male and a female

#3 – Marriage was planned to bring _____ not misery.

#4 – Marriage must begin with _____ other relationships

#5 – Marriage requires an inseparable _____ of a husband and wife throughout their lifetime.

#6 – Marriage means _____ in the fullest possible sense, including intimate physical union without shame.

Take Home:

#1-Live by _____

#2 Deal with _____

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Genesis 4:6-7...Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? 7 If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."

Memory verse: Genesis 2:24 For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

Project for the Married: 1-Talk about how you are similar to your parents and how you are different from your parents. 2-Then seek to determine what it means to leave your parents and cleave to your spouse 3-How do you work together as a team, while also honoring the roles of husband and wife

Project for the Single: What strengths do you bring to a marriage and what weaknesses? What is it about you that will drive your future spouse crazy? What steps can you take now to become a more Godly spouse later?

Project for the unequally yoked or single parent: How can you be a witness to the watching world of how God values marriage?

Reading Assignment: Love that Lasts chapter one

Questions to ask a spouse from the message

1-Which of the above principles do you feel is weakest in your marriage? How does this weakness affect your relationship with your spouse?

2-Apart from your biblical roles, describe the ways you and your spouse are similar and different. How does God use this blend of differences and similarities to encourage your growth in Christ?

3-What do you have to do as a couple to encourage each other in your battle against sin? What does it take for you to fight sin but not fight each other?

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