

**Woodland Hills Family Church
Homelink Discussion Questions
June 9, 2019**

Picturing A Special Future for Your Marriage

If you could have the perfect marriage, what would it look like?

What steps are taking to draw this picture together?

Discuss the four seasons of marriage, what needs to take place to keep our relationships in the Spring and Summer season?

Spring

anticipation
excitement
hope

Summer

fun
commitment
connection

Fall

sadness
apprehension
depletion

Winter

cold
harsh
bitter

Read the following scriptures and discuss how we as a husband and wife should respect one another. Who has the greatest responsibility?

Ephesians 5:21-33 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

22 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— 30 for we are members of his body. 31 “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” 32 This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. 33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

What do people think about Jesus when they think about your marriage?

Share how the following four thoughts could have a positive influence on your marriage.

Exclusivity - Commit to your spouse until the Lord returns or calls one of you home.

Honor - Speak words of high value over one another in private and in public.

Time - Prioritize quality couple time with a daily delay, weekly withdrawal, and annual abandon.

Voices - Invite backup singers to rejoice in the love of your duet.