

Discussion Questions

Marriage: God's Sneaky Way to Get a Person Crucified

Ephesians 5:21-33

(How has your understanding of what love is changed throughout your life?)

- Think about the person you love most in this world, what do you think has empowered you to keep loving them?
- Think about the person you find most difficult to love in this world, what makes it difficult to love them?

- When you hear the word “covenant” what do you think of?
- Why do you think God chose the image of the cross as the picture of His covenant with us—His way of expressing His love and promise to be faithful to us?

Think back to the person you love most in this world (mentioned above).

- If you could pick an image to describe your love story with them, what would it be?

Think about the person you find most difficult to love in this world (mentioned above).

- If you could pick an image to describe your love story with them, what would it be?

God's plan for all of us is to kill our prideful, self-centered, lonely false selves, what Paul calls our “old man,” and then reveal to us who we truly are—His very own image: “the image of the invisible God” (Colossians 1:15).

- When you read the above, what emotions arise in you?
- How do you feel about God's plan?

God calls us all to love His Bride, the Church.

- How would you describe your attempts at loving the Church?
- How would you describe the Church's attempts at loving you?
- What picture would you use to describe your love relationship with the Church?
- How has God matured you in love through being part of His Church?

When we're honest, in our own strength, we all fall short of loving others well. God allowed it to be that way so that we might see that He is our Helper.

- In what areas do you find it most difficult to love right now?
- Is there ever a time when you find it easy to love? If so, when?

Take a moment to reflect on God's covenant love for you . . .

Think about Jesus, on the cross, reaching out to you in love.

- What is He showing you about His love and who He is?
- What is He saying to you . . . inviting you into?

Do you desire to be made in His image?

Bring your feelings about being made in His image before Him and share your heart with Him.

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