

TAKING IT HOME

- How successful have you been in daily praying for your spouse or a married person?
- Have you asked the question of each other this week, "How have I shown my love in action to you?"
- What things from growing up have challenged your marriage or enhanced your marriage? (Traditions, past times, family dynamics, values, expressions of affection)

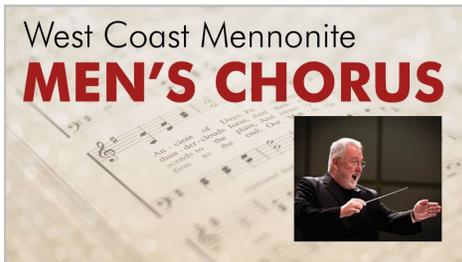


Growth Group Prayer Request

Next Week: Ephesians 5:31

Sunday morning classroom leaders needed! Lessons and supplies are provided. Stop by the Lower Lobby to find out more.

The West Coast Mennonite Men's Chorus will be at FBC on Monday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. Free! Bring your friends and family!



MARRIAGE

#2– Commitment and Priority in Marriage
Ephesians 5:21-33

Pastor Shawn Peterson
April 15, 2018

- 1 – Attitude of Marriage – Mutual Submission
- 2 – Power Source for Marriage – Prayer
- 3 – Commitment of Marriage – Covenant
- 4 – Priority in Marriage – Hold Fast
- 5 – Purpose of Marriage – 1 Flesh
- 6 – Structure of Marriage – the Body

3 – _____ of Marriage – _____

4 – _____ in Marriage – _____ his father and mother
and hold fast





Growth Group Preparation Questions

For the week of April 15, 2018

Prepare for your Growth Group discussion by taking some time to go through the following Growth Group Questions (G2Qs) and be ready to share your thoughts and answers with your group. Have a great time growing in the Word, growing in relationships and growing in serving others!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What was your first car? What's your dream car?

2. Have you ever been in a contractual relationship that went poorly?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. As you are learning about God's perfect design for marriage, what's standing out to you in importance, and how are you processing what you're learning?

2. As you read through the characteristics of love in 1 Corinthians 13, what are you really good at? Which parts of love do you want to improve at?

3. In your marriage, how do you act in love even when the feelings come and go?

Read Genesis 2:24 and answer the following questions:

4. What does leaving involve? (How do you take both of your pasts and create a new identity as a couple?)

5. What would cause fear in leaving (for couples and parents)?

6. What happens when you don't leave your father and mother and hold fast to your spouse?

7. In your marriage, what joys and difficulties have you experienced with "leaving?" (Decision making, financial independence, emotional independence, etc.)