

TAKING IT HOME

- If you want to spend time with your spouse strengthening your marriage, here are some recommended resources:
 - *Love and Respect* by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs
 - *The 5 Love Languages* by Gary Chapman
 - *His Needs, Her Needs* by Willard F. Harley Jr.
 - *A Lasting Promise* by Scott Stanley and Milt Bryan
 - *Men are Like Waffles Women are Like Spaghetti* by Bill & Pam Farrell
- Plan a way this week to show your spouse or close friend/family member that you care for them in a way that they feel loved or cared for.



Growth Group Prayer Requests:

Next Week: Ephesians 5

The Spring Session begins this week! If you're looking for a group visit our website, or stop by the Lobby **today!**

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



MARRIAGE

#1– The Attitude and Power Source for Marriage
Ephesians 5:21-33

Pastor Shawn Peterson
April 8, 2018

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- 1 – Attitude of Marriage –
 - 2 - Power Source for Marriage –
 - 3 – Commitment of Marriage –
 - 4 – Priority in Marriage –
 - 5 – Purpose of Marriage -
 - 6 – Structure of Marriage –

1 – Attitude of Marriage – _____

5 Marriage Killers
Score Keeping

Escalation

Invalidation

Negative Interpretation

Disengagement

The solution to Self-Centeredness = _____

2 - Power Source for Marriage – _____





Growth Group Preparation Questions

For the week of April 8, 2018

This week kicks off the Spring Growth Group session. We are excited that you are in a G2 and are praying that you have a great time with your group as you *Grow in the Word* and *Grow in Relationships*!

If you didn't get a chance to join a Growth Group yet, go online or give the church a call this week and we'll help you get plugged in.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Who is your favorite married couple from TV or a movie?

2. If married, where did you spend your honeymoon. If not married, where would you like to spend your honeymoon?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Looking back at your notes for the sermon, was there something that particularly caught your attention, encouraged or challenged you?

2. Have you started to pray for your spouse, a married person, or your future spouse if not yet married, for the next 28 days? Yes Not Yet

3. Thinking back over your life, what formed your opinion about marriage?

4. List what was or is your criteria for dating someone? Which items are selfish and which are not?

5. Pastor Shawn said that the enemy to a great marriage is selfishness. In what areas of your life do you find it most difficult to give up (or sacrifice) for someone else?

6. What can we learn from these passages about how we ought to interact with others? Philippians 2:3-4, Matthew 20:26-28 and Mark 9:35

If married, when did you put your own desires aside to sacrificially serve your spouse? If not married, when did you put your own desires aside to sacrificially serve someone else?

How can you sacrificially serve them this week?

7. If married, how would you like to see God show you His glory in your marriage? If not married, how would you like to see God show you His glory in your singleness?