



Sunday Bible Study Guide | September 7, 2025

Sermon

Indestructible Marriage - Pastor Jared Herd

Scriptures: Genesis 2:22-25, 2:18; Ephesians 5:25-28

Context: Pastor Jared talked about God's original blueprint for marriage and the New Testament call to model Christ's sacrificial love to our spouse. He broke down the purposes of marriage:

- Intimacy not idolatry
- Transformation not salvation
- Display not destiny

NOTE: We celebrate those who are single and complete in Christ. This message, however, is more directed towards marriage.

Mixer

1. If married, what is one of the most memorable things you did in the first year of your marriage? If single, what is one of your best memories of a close friendship?
2. What makes a good friendship and how might those qualities translate to a strong marriage?

Questions

Observation: What does the passage say?

1. Read Genesis 2:22-25. God's divine institution of marriage was designed for intimacy. How does this passage define that?
2. Read Genesis 2:18. Why might it not have been good for man to be alone (Ezer Kenegdo - "opposite equal")?
3. Read Ephesians 5:25-28. How should husbands love their wives?

Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

1. Pastor Jared said "intimacy is to be fully known without rejection." If marriage is a gift, how can couples reflect God's love? (Refer to Genesis 2:22-25)

2. Looking at the Ephesians 5 passage. What does it mean to love our spouse as Christ loved the church?
3. Marriage presents a mystery: marriage reveals the relationship between Christ and the church. How does understanding this reality change how you view your marriage (Refer to Ephesians 5) as a display of God's love?

Application: How can we apply these passages to our lives?

1. Beyond the sexual aspect, what does it mean for a husband and wife to be truly "one flesh" in their spiritual, emotional, and physical lives?
2. How can we cultivate deeper intimacy where we are fully known and accepted by our spouse?
3. We often go into marriage with a consumer mentality, thinking about what our spouse will do for us. The Hebrew word for love is "ahava" which means "I give". What are ways you can show sacrificial love to your spouse?
4. Pastor Jared said our marriage is for transformation, not salvation. Set a time this week to meet with your spouse and talk about the rough spots you see in one another. (Remember, Pastor Jared explained that we have to let our spouse deal with our faults so we can become more like Christ.)
5. THIS WEEK: If you haven't, take the 5 Love Language quiz (5lovelanguages.com). We often show love in the way we receive love. Be intentional in showing love to your spouse in the way they receive love!

If you need additional guidance/resources/prayer, reach out to thechurchrb.org/counseling

Go First Together

Community shapes us, forms us, and reminds us we don't follow Jesus alone. But the deeper truth is this: God blesses us so we can be a blessing to others. As a leader, you have the opportunity to go first and invite your group to be part of something bigger than themselves. Whether it's serving our city, showing up for the next generation, or stepping into a lifestyle of generosity, these are the moments that shape disciples and change lives. Let's be the kind of church that doesn't wait to make a difference. Let's Go First together!

Your Circle Can Make An Impact!

We have a few more spots available for the Lake Hodges Clean Up on Saturday, Sept 27!!



Want To Be Baptized? Next one is Sept 28!

