

SUMMER  
EQUIPPING  
SERIES

GOSPEL CENTERED  
MARRIAGE

“Love is not first an emotion or an experience, but a promise, a resolve, an act of the will.”

**MIKE MASON**

**1. Is marriage a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_?**

- What is true about God’s \_\_\_\_\_ love for His people?
- God Pursues \_\_\_\_\_ People with His \_\_\_\_\_ Love for a Lifetime.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**ROMANS 5:8**

...for He Himself has said, “I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU...”

**HEBREWS 13:5**

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**ROMANS 8:38-39**

**2. What is the ultimate purpose of marriage?**

- Your marriage is intended to be \_\_\_\_\_ parable of God’s covenant love.

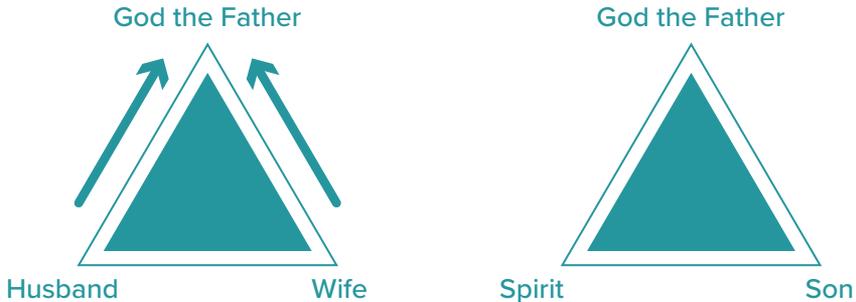
To be loved but not known is comforting, but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God.

**TIM KELLER**

**3. Your marriage was intended to be a life-long \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ that moves you toward oneness.**

FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

**EPHESIANS 5:31-32**



Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone? And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.

**ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12**

So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

**COLOSSIANS 3:12-14**