

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT - LESSON 1

Good News

John 3:16-17 (ESV)

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.”

Main Idea: God created a perfect world and the first marriage. The first husband and wife thought they knew better than God and brought sin into the world through their disobedience. Every human inherits this sinful nature from them and is born separated from God. **BUT** God, because of His great love for us, made a way for us to have relationship with Him by sending His Son, Jesus, to sacrifice His life and pay the penalty for our sin, offering us relationship with God through Him. We only have access to God through Jesus, and we must surrender our lives to Him in order to be saved.

Optional Resources for Leading the Lesson



Idea for Illustrating the Main Idea:

Living a life without Christ is like having a car without gas. You can have a car, but if the only way you get anywhere is by pushing it around, it doesn't work very well. Living without Christ is possible, but it's not how life is intended to be lived. Real life can only be found in relationship with Christ.



Additional Scriptures for you to read/reference with the group:

Romans 5:18-19, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:8, Romans 6:23, Romans 10:9, Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:3-7



Gospel Implications: (connect the lesson to their relationship with God)

Rom. 8:5-7 - To set our mind on the flesh is death. To set our mind on Christ is life.
I John 1:8 - If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves.
John 12:46 - Not believing in Jesus is choosing to remain in darkness.

1. How would you describe your relationship with God?
2. Jesus once asked his followers, “Who do you say I am?” (Matt. 16:15) What is your answer to that question?
3. Jesus said that the only way to be with God was through faith in Him (John 14:6). Do you agree or disagree with that? Why?
4. If Jesus really did sacrifice His life in our place, how should we respond to that?
5. What does it look like for you to show kindness to your spouse?

THROUGH THE WEEK

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Read the Scripture below for each day and answer the following questions. Every passage may not clearly give an answer to each question but think through these questions and see how God leads you. You may want to use a journal for this daily time in God's word.

1. What do I learn about God?
2. What do I learn about myself?
3. What do I learn about loving my spouse/others?

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
John 3:16-21	John 14:1-14	Romans 10:5-13	Ephesians 2:1-10	Titus 3:3-7

Challenge for the Week:



Look for an opportunity to show underserved kindness to your spouse this week. If you have placed your faith in Christ, discuss what that means to you. If you have not placed your faith in Christ, discuss your reservations with a believer you know.

Additional Resources:



Video - <https://www.watermark.org/thegospel>

Article - <https://www.gotquestions.org/what-is-the-gospel.html>

Great Questions: A safe place to explore the Christian faith - Mondays @ 7:30 pm

Book - **The Jesus I Never Knew** by Phillip Yancey