

# SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS

MAY 14, 2017

1. Read Ephesians 5:31
2. As we saw, oneness expresses what the essence of marriage is. What creates this oneness in marriage? Read Malachi 2:10-16; Prov.2:17
3. What is “commodification,” and how does this differ from covenant and the way people view marriage? How should we think of marriage? How does this reflect our relationship with Christ? (Cf. Eph.5:22-33)
4. How does our culture think of love? How does the Bible think of love? How does this affect the way someone views marriage and lives out their married life?
5. Why does romantic love between a man and a woman need a framework of binding obligation (i.e. marriage)?
6. How does the marriage covenant provide security and freedom?
7. How do promises have the power to shape our identity, and specifically the promises a man and woman make in marriage?
8. In practical terms, what does it mean that the husband and wife are to leave their parents and cleave to each other? How are husband and wife to apply this? How are parents to apply this?
9. Under what conditions may the marriage covenant be terminated? What issues does this raise? How should the body of Christ respond to the offended party? How should the body of Christ respond to the offending party?
10. Pray!