

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

Week of 08/31/14 – Living Intentionally In the Family – Part 1

Food and Fellowship:

Take time to enjoy some food and fellowship together.

Prayer:

Take a few minutes to share prayer requests individually. As each person shares, give opportunity for someone in the group to commit to pray for the requests that were just shared. After all of the prayer requests have been shared take a few minutes to pray over the requests. One person should begin praying with a person designated to close after everyone who desires to pray out loud has prayed.

Reflect:

Take a few minutes to reflect on the Sermon from the most recent Sunday.

- What sticks out in your mind?
- What principle/principles did you glean?
- Have you had any opportunity to apply personally anything from the sermon? Please share.

Looking In:

Genesis 2:21-25

²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man.”

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Other passages regarding Christian marriage: **1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Ephesians 5:22-33; Colossians 3:18-19; 1 Peter 3:1-7**

Discussion Questions:

1. What is culture's definition of marriage?
What is often presented culturally as the purpose and goal of marriage?
2. How does the culture's view of marriage and the biblical view of marriage agree?
How do they disagree?
3. What is the purpose for Christian marriage? (Hint: One Flesh)

4. What makes marital "oneness" so difficult?
5. How has the discussion of community and oneness changed your view of marriage?

Close:

Take a moment to close with prayer (please pray for the marriages of Firewheel, and also pray for those who are considering marriage)