

Marriage Series - "Bound for Love"

Sermon Discussion Guide

[Week 1 - January 7, 2024 - "Keep Jesus First"](#)

Covenant AND Emotion in Marriage:

- How can you better pursue both honoring the covenant you have made before God, while also nurturing the emotional aspects of love and intimacy in your marriage?

Role of Personal Faith in Marital Strength:

- In what ways does your individual, personal relationship with Jesus contribute to the overall strength and health of your marriage?
- Considering Jesus' teaching on the vine and branches (John 15:1-10), how do you see your individual spiritual growth and your growth as a couple interconnected and influencing each other?

Challenges of the Pruning Process:

- In the sermon, Pastor Mike described marriage as a pruning process designed by God to use our spouse to help shape us more into the image of Jesus. What are some specific examples of this pruning process in your own marriage, and how have you both responded to these challenges?
- How does the command to love sacrificially, as Jesus loved us (John 15:12-13), challenge and shape your approach to resolving conflicts and showing forgiveness in your marriage?

Keeping Jesus First in All Aspects of Marriage:

- How can you practically put Jesus first in various aspects of your marital life, such as finances, physical intimacy, conflict resolution, shared service, etc?

