

Candlelight Christian Fellowship
5 Week Pre – Marriage Counseling Study

(Week 1) Biblical Definition of Marriage

Please write three reasons why this is the **right person** and the **right time** to marry.

Read the Scriptures below and write down how they apply to you **personally** and to the **Marriage Relationship**.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-11 - Two are better than one

Genesis 2:24-25 - Two becoming one

Ephesians 5:22-33 - God's commands to husbands and wives

1st Peter 3:1-7 - God's commands to husbands and wives

Mark 4:1-20 - Jesus first Parable (Word Of God)

(Week 2) Biblical Definition of Love

Please write down the best example of **Agape Love** in your life that you can think of, without using the greatest example which is Jesus on the cross.

Read the Scriptures below and write down how they apply to you **personally** and to the **Marriage Relationship**.

1st Corinthians 13:4-8 - The supremacy of Love

1st Corinthians 14:1 - Pursue love

1st Corinthians 13:13 - Greatest is love

1st Corinthians 16:14 - All be done in love

1st John 4:7-8 - Love is from God

Luke 10:25-37 - Parable of Good Samaritan – or “The man compelled to love”

(Week 3) Biblical Definition of Communication

Please write down your thoughts on what it means to be a **good communicator**, and list one thing you would like to **change** in your communication.

John 17 - Jesus the greatest communicator that walked on this earth.

Matthew 12:34-37 - The power of words

Colossians 4:6 - Grace and our words

- James 1:19 - Good Instructions for communication
 James 3:8-10 - The power and destruction of the tongue
- Luke 15:11-32 - Parable of the Prodigal Son – A portrait on communication**

(Week 4) Biblical Definition of a Spirit Filled Husband and Wife:

Galatians 5:16-26

Please write down your thoughts on the definition of a **Spirit Filled** husband and a **Spirit Filled** wife.

Wife

- Ephesians 5:22-24 - Spiritual Submission
 1st Peter 3:1-6 - Spiritual Submission – Precious in the sight of God
 Proverbs 31:10-31 - Portrait of a spirit Filled wife

Husband

- Ephesians 5:25-33 - Spiritual leadership
 1st Peter 3:7 - Spiritual leadership
 Joshua 1:8 - Instructions for a Spirit filled man
 Psalm 1:1-5 - Instructions for a Spirit Filled man
 1st Kings 2:1-4 - David giving Spiritual Instructions to his son

Husband and Wife

- Ephesians 5:21 - Spiritual Submission – Co heirs to the grace of life 1st Pet 3:7b
- Luke 18:1-8 Parable on Persistence in Prayer – Key in marriage**

(Week 5) Biblical Definition of a Family Altar (church)

Please write down why these **four ingredients** are so important to the marriage relationship

- Acts 2:41-47 - The birth of the church
 Psalm 127:1-5 - The family church – Jesus as Lord
 Matthew 7:24-27 - Instructions on building a Godly home

Word

- Deuteronomy 4:9 - Instructions for our children and grandchildren
 Deuteronomy 6:1-9 - The word of God – priority in the home

1st Peter 1:24 - God's word will stand for all eternity
Psalm 19: 7-11 - Power of God's word
Hebrews 4:12 - **Only book** that can judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart
Psalm 138:2 - **God values** His word above His own name

Fellowship

Hebrews 10:24 - We are **not to forsake** church fellowship with believers
Acts 2:42 - Church was birthed – God included fellowship
John 15:12 - God **commands** us to love all believers, beginning at home

Breaking of Bread - Communion – The cross – Has to be central in the home

1st Corinthians 11: 23-29 - We **are commanded** to remember Jesus sacrifice (**cross**)
Have communion together as a reminder

Prayer

Luke 18:1 - **Commanded to always** pray – never back off
Luke 11:5-10 - Be **persistent**
1st Thessalonians 5:17 - Pray **without ceasing**
Ephesians 6:18 - Pray at **all times** in the Spirit
Colossians 4:2 - Be **devoted, be watchful**
John chap 17 - Jesus **example** of prayer on **earth**
Hebrews 7:25 - Jesus **example** in **heaven**