

Candlelight Christian Fellowship

Pre – Marriage Counseling Study

(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)

(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”

(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

(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

(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 for 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** always to 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 Chapter 17 Jesus' **example** of prayer on **earth**
Hebrews 7:25 Jesus' **example** in **heaven**