

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 – Coheirs 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**