



The Vow

The Vow of Partnership

Look Back – Care, Praise, Loving Accountability, Vision – 20 mins This is a time to see how everyone’s week was. Were they successful in the previous week’s goals? Were they unsuccessful? It’s also a time to pour vision into your group. Give them the why behind things we are doing church wide.

- How did it go last week?
- If you’re in a relationship, how are you opposites, and how are you similar?

Look Up – What does the Bible say? Practice – 20 mins

- Read Matthew 19:5-6. Why do you think God makes marriage such a big deal? What purposes does it serve?
- Joe said, “Marriage is a covenant, not a contract.” How would you describe the differences between the two?
- Read Ephesians 5:21-27. After hearing the Biblical and social context (**Greco-Roman House Codes**) of this passage how could this affect the way a husband and wife relate? How does this “one another” passage (**there are 59 “one anothers” in the NT**) connect with Jesus’ attitude found in Phil. 2? Talk about some specific examples of arguments, decisions, responsibilities, etc.

Choose a question to create openness.

- Have you seen the concept of submission abused? How have you seen it work in a God-honoring way?
- Joe said, “Marriage isn’t dividing everything in half. It’s giving everything you’ve got.” Which are you more prone to do in relationships? How?
- What was the most challenging portion of Joe’s message? What will you do about it?

Look Forward – Set Goals (For Accountability), Commission and Pray – 20 mins

Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Write down three ways you could be more of a servant in your most important relationships.
- If you’re married, have a conversation about your ideals for partnership.

Heavenly Father, help us to always pursue godly relationships about “we” and not “me.” Holy Spirit, give us the strength to love the way You love us. Jesus, You sacrificed Your life for us. Teach us to lay down ourselves as godly partners. Amen!

