



It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

Fanning the Flame

Read aloud *Ephesians 5:15-33*. What instructions are given to husbands and wives? What does submission to one another look like from this Biblical definition, and when is it most challenging? How have you seen or experienced the benefit of this passage as it is lived out in a godly marriage?

Keys to Fanning the Flame:

1. FOCUS on the FATHER.

Marriage was created by God, yet many in the world today have an understanding about marriage that does not include God at all. How does God's purpose for marriage differ from other commonly held beliefs about marriage? What does it look like for a couple to orient their marriage to focus on the Father?

Genesis 2:18-24; Jeremiah 29:13; Colossians 3:2

2. FOSTER some FUN.

What are some things you and your spouse did for fun together before you were married? What are some fun things you do together now? Share some strategies that you've found helpful when it comes to getting quality, FUN time with your spouse away from distractions.

Ecclesiastes 9:9; Proverbs 17:22; 1 Corinthians 10:31

3. FUEL the FLAME.

What is your spouse's love language? How does your spouse cater to your love language? Share something you find admirable or praiseworthy about your spouse.

Philippians 4:8; Song of Solomon 1:15; Philippians 2:3-4

What's Next

- Try reading the Bible aloud with your spouse every day for a week.
- Read through Philippians 4:8, and write down things about your spouse that are pure, lovely, admirable, praiseworthy, etc.
- Pastor Keith recommended two books that will help your marriage: "Sacred Marriage" by Gary Thomas, and "His Needs, Her Needs" by Willard Harley. In addition to the Bible, choose one as a couple to read through and discuss together.