

# UNITED

## A STUDY IN EPHESIANS

### Week 6 “Unified” – How Do We Experience God’s Plan for Marriage?

Pastor Jeff Little, October 17-18

#### TABLE TALK

- Select one or two “Table Talk” cards to discuss with your group.

#### WARM UP

- (For Couples) How long have you been married? What have you learned about marriage that’s surprised you?
- (For Singles) If you’re not married (and want to be), what are you looking forward to most about marriage?

#### **Ephesians 5:31 (NIV)**

*For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be **united** to his wife, and the **two will become one flesh**.*

#### INTRODUCTION

Statistics reveal that most people will get married one day, and all marriages struggle at one point or another. The good news is that God’s Word has a lot to say about marriage to help us in this critical area. Today, we’re going to talk about having a vision for your marriage and living out God’s plan for unity in the home.

#### DISCUSSION

1. Read Ephesians 5:21. What do you think it means to become “one flesh” with your spouse?
2. The idea of “submission” in marriage is often a hot-button issue. How does Ephesians 5:21-33 affect your view of love and submission in the home? (*Tip: You might want to give everyone a few minutes to reread the verses.*)
3. Do you have a vision for your marriage? Why or why not?
4. What would change if you had a vision for your marriage?
5. A key principle to having a healthy marriage is this: “You go first.” Why is this concept so important in marriage? Why is it so difficult?
6. Let’s get real. Is there anyone here who is struggling in your marriage right now? How can we pray for you?
7. If you are single, what is something from this week’s passage that can help you prepare for a healthy marriage one day?

#### APPLICATION

(If Married) What is something you can do this week to strengthen the unity of your marriage?  
(If Single) Where has God given you opportunities to love and submit to others right now?

#### PRAYER

- Pray specifically for anyone who responded to question 6 above. Pray for God to strengthen every marriage in your Small Group.
- **SERVE PROJECT – Finalize plans for your Serve Project this week. Pray and ask God to give you excitement and vision over the next week as you prepare. It’s going to be exciting! (If you’re having trouble deciding on a project, your group can volunteer for one of our pre-selected projects at [milestonemissions.volunteerhub.com](https://milestonemissions.volunteerhub.com).)**
- Take prayer requests and pray for any needs in the group.