



## **Series Discussion Questions**

### **Series: I DO**

I DO is a brief two-week series on the topic of love and marriage centered around Hebrews 13:4 - "Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral."

God is teaching us through the Bible that marriage is not something to be treated lightly or flippantly. It's not something that only matters to people who are over 30. Marriage should be honored by everyone and the marriage bed should be kept pure.

### **INTRODUCE IT**

In the Declaration of Independence we read, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

As Americans, we each have a "right" to pursue these 3 things. Yet in this line, the constitution does not just single out Americans as having these rights. It says, "all men." Talk about ways as a group you can support others in this world that seem to have these rights taken from them? How can you and how do you support the Life, Liberty and pursuit of Happiness for all of mankind?

### **STUDY IT**

#### **Read Hebrews 13:4**

Who does the author call to honor marriage and when reading this, who are we tempted to single out?

Why do you think the author doesn't just single out those that are married? Why does he say "all"?

Part of the main issue around this passage that many in our culture have given up on the institution of marriage because it doesn't seem to "work". In what ways have you seen the institution of marriage thrown away?

In what way specifically does the author single out as a way to honor marriage?

If you are not single, imagine yourself as single. Talk as a group of all the ways that as a single person you can honor marriage by keeping the marriage bed pure.

If you are not a parent, imagine yourself as a parent. Talk as a group about all the ways you can counsel your children about how to honor marriage even in their youth.

If you are not married, imagine yourself being married and talk about all the ways you can keep the marriage bed pure.

The last part of this passage focus' on God's judging the adulterer and sexually impure. For those that are Christians, we need to take this part of the passage very seriously and not move too quickly to the grace of God. In what ways can moving too quickly to the grace of God and not taking God's judgment seriously, dishonor marriage?

**Read Ephesians 5:22-33**

Name all the ways that a wife is to love her husband and therefore honor marriage?

Name all the ways listed that a man is to love his wife and therefore honor marriage?

What is the definition of marriage that Paul gives in verse 31? In what ways does our culture dishonor marriage and change this definition of marriage?

**Read Ephesians 5:21**

Many people skip this verse before all the ways listed for a man and a woman to honor their spouse. Before Paul gets into all those ways, he makes a command to both the husband and wife. What is the key to submitting to the other and honoring your marriage?

**USE IT**

How has this study and the sermon this week challenged your thinking around marriage? What practical step does it challenge you to take?

Pray as a group over one another's marriages (even over those that are single). Pray that as a group, out of reverence of Jesus that you would honor the institution of marriage for all, in the way that the Bible defines it and not our world.