

BIBLE STUDY DISCUSSION GUIDE

Hold Fast with Wisdom

February 9, 2025



1. **Opening Prayer.** Ask for God's guidance, wisdom, and understanding as you study scripture about marriage.
2. **Icebreaker.** "Favorite Couple."
 - a. Ask each person to think of a couple they admire from the Bible, a historical pair, or even a fictional couple from a book or movie.
 - b. Have each person briefly share who their chosen couple is and why they admire them. Encourage focusing on positive traits or qualities that make the couple admirable.
 - c. After everyone has shared, discuss any common qualities or themes that emerged.
3. **Introduction** (5 minutes). Briefly summarize the sermon's key points:
 - a. Discuss the importance of understanding and applying biblical principles in marriage.
 - b. Highlight the main points from the sermon: the need for love and respect, understanding differences, closing the distance gap in marriage, and homework.
4. **Scripture Reading** (5 minutes). Read aloud Proverbs 24:3-4 and Ephesians 5:25-33.
5. **Discussion Questions** (40 minutes).
 - a. How does Genesis 2:24 set the foundation for marriage?
 - b. Discuss how God created men and women differently. How does recognizing the differences between men

and women, as created by God, contribute to a healthier marriage?

- c. In Ephesians 5:25-33, what are the specific encouragements given to husbands and wives? Why is love crucial for wives and respect essential for husbands?
 - d. Reflect on Proverbs 21:9. What are some common challenges couples face in maintaining love and respect, and how can they overcome them?
 - e. What can we learn from Jesus's example of love and sacrifice in the context of marriage?
 - f. How can wisdom, understanding, and knowledge create a home filled with "precious and pleasant riches"?
6. **Application** (10 minutes)
- a. Based on 1 Peter 3:7, how can husbands dwell with their wives according to knowledge?
 - b. Discuss the importance of communication and understanding in marriage. How can couples effectively communicate their needs and concerns?
 - c. If you are married, ask your spouse what makes them feel loved or respected, and act on that information in the coming week.
7. **Closing Prayer.** Conclude with a prayer asking God to bless the marriages represented in the group, for wisdom to apply truth from scripture, and for strength to love and respect one another as God commands.

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