



Series Summary: The way to have a great marriage is by not focusing on marriage.

Sermon summary: Have you ever tried to put together something complex without reading the directions? I have, and at times I'm left with extra parts. I ask myself: "I wonder if these are necessary?" Too often, we do the same with marriage. We do it our way and then wonder why it falls apart. God's design isn't easy, but to do it right, you've got to build it his way. Join us as we learn not just about human marriage, but the eternal marriage that awaits Jesus followers. Sunday starts a 4-week series designed for those who are married, single, divorced, and widowed. Let's learn together how marriage is a picture of something so much better!

Big Idea: Marriage is a mission to be more like Jesus.

Icebreaker: *What's your funniest wedding memory? (It can be from your wedding or someone else's wedding)*

Watch:

- Sermon summary video (4-5 minutes): Church [Facebook](#) or [Vimeo](#) pages
- Francis & Lisa Chan [Session 2](#) on Right Now Media: You & Me Forever, Marriage in Light of the Gospel (14 minutes)

Discussion:

1. What is our culture's view on marriage? (Discuss common thoughts like it being unnecessary, old-fashioned, negative, ball & chain, not practical, or impossible.)
2. How do you know marriage isn't a human idea, but is God's idea? (Genesis 3:18-25)
3. What did you learn from Sunday's message on marriage & the Gospel?
4. What did you learn from the Chan's video on Right Now Media?
5. If you're married, two questions:
 - a. When you look at the way you treat your spouse, do you see the way Jesus treats you?
 - b. When people look at your marriage, do they see something they want?
6. For everyone: How is Ephesians 5:21-33 compelling you to be more like Jesus?

Know: Marriage is a mission to be more like Jesus.

Be: More like Jesus!

Do: Demonstrate the Gospel by the way I live.

WEEK 1