

## *Fellowship Group Homework and Discussion*

### **Getting Started**

1. Reflect on a couple that you know (parents, other family, or church family, etc), that has been a positive example of a Godly marriage. What adjectives could you use to describe why you believe they have or had a Godly marriage? Remember to thank God for their example in your prayers.
2. What was one thing that you learned or was reminded of from last week's sermon?

### **Going Deeper**

3. As you read Hebrews 13:4 again, why do you think the author placed this passage in the final exhortations? What does this tell you about its importance?
4. Do you believe that marriage is being "honored by all" in the church? How about outside of the church?

### **Read Genesis 2:19-25—The First Marriage Ceremony**

5. Whose idea is marriage?
6. Does this passage give you the sense that God considers marriage as valuable and precious? Why?
7. How can a married couple show that they "treasure" marriage?

### **Read Romans 15:7**

8. Do you think that God intended that this "acceptance" include one's spouse?
9. What are some ways that you can "accept" your spouse, even with their differences?
10. How do you think "accepting one another" brings "praise to God?"

### **Hebrews 13:4 Teaches About The Marriage Bed**

11. What does this tell you about the concept of sex? Why do you think that the "church" seldom talks about it?
12. Why is the world's idea of sex so prevalent today?
13. What are the prevalent messages that are being taught through media, schools, and examples?
14. What does Hebrews 13:4 tell us about the end result of the those who don't follow God's design for sex?
15. How does the cross of Christ address a person who has been involved in sexual sin?

16. A key purpose of our Fellowship Groups is to provide accountability. To help with that, discuss the following questions:
- Have you been making it a regular priority to attend a Sunday morning worship service?
  - Have you been faithful in making Fellowship Group attendance a top priority?
  - Are you praying regularly for the members of your Fellowship Group?
  - Are you caring for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those in your Fellowship Group?
  - Are you taking steps to become more transparent with your Fellowship Group?
  - Are you serving regularly in one area of ministry, preferably in your area of giftedness?
  - Are you maintaining your Oikos list?
  - Are you praying regularly for your Oikos list?
  - What have you done this last week to reveal God to at least one member of your Oikos?



## A Life of Faith Part 13: The Marriage Bed

Hebrews 13:4  
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### I. Honor and Value Marriage as Something Valuable and Precious

#### A. Why?

1. It is valuable and precious
2. It is endorsed by the Trinity
3. It is an opportunity for the church to impact the world

#### B. How?

1. Treat your marriage as an incredible treasure
2. Cultivate growth in your marriage
  - Prioritize time together
  - Accept one another
3. Develop a life-long attitude in your marriage

### II. Keep the Marriage Bed Pure

#### A. Why?

1. It is how we were created
2. It maximizes joy

#### B. How?

1. Actively enjoy the gift of sex within marriage
2. Actively protect against illegitimate expressions of sex

### III. God Will Judge the Sexually Impure

#### A. Why?

#### B. How?