

God's Design for Marriage

Discussion Questions for Session Two: The Ministry of Marriage

- When we say that marriage is a husband or wife's first ministry, what exactly are we saying?
- How does thinking of your role in marriage as a ministry calling from God change the way you see your marriage?
- What does God's Word reveal as the greatest need of the wife?
- When God tells husbands to love their wives, what is He saying? How should a husband who doesn't love his wife approach that command as a believer?
- Describe how ministering to your spouse comes down to an act of obedience to the Lord.
- In the lesson, Pastor Paul gave six guidelines for those times when your spouse does or says something that hurts or offends. They are:
 - Wait for emotions to settle down before bringing it up
 - Speak to your spouse in private
 - Share the offense lovingly (him) or respectfully (her)
 - Express the offense briefly and be done
 - Ask for forgiveness or extend forgiveness
 - Don't bring it up again
- Which of the above guidelines seems the most difficult to do?
- Which one to you seems most important?