
Getting The Most Out Of Marriage

"Understanding"
Romans 12:3

10-25-26

Introduction: We've spent the past five weeks working on our marriages.

1. Marriage is to be enjoyed, not endured. That is easier said than done, so we've been focused on getting the most out of our marriages.
2. So far, we've covered:
 - The Love Bank
 - His Needs/Her Needs model
 - How To Turn Lemons Into Lemonade
 - Addressed Major Issues
 - Communication Skills
3. This morning, we'll focus more deeply on the importance of understanding.
4. The single biggest disrupter in our relationships is the fact we are different.
5. As those differences collide, they present all kinds of problems.
6. But, when I understand myself, when I understand you, when you understand yourself, and you understand me, we can better navigate these problems successfully.
7. Understanding allows us to get the most out of our marriages.

I. Who Are We?

- A. God's Design
- B. Genetics
- C. Environment/Experience

II. Why Do We Act This Way?

- A. Imitation
- B. Reaction

III. What Can We Do?

- A. Understanding
- B. Acceptance
- C. Accountability

Conclusion: Please understand, we are not advocating moral relativism, making excuses, or enabling bad behavior.

1. We are simply recognizing the importance of understanding.
2. Understanding ourselves and each other enables us to navigate our differences successfully.
3. That means you'll get more out of your marriage!