



Sentence

When you know the truth about relationships, you won't be easily fooled by the knock-offs.



Story

Share the best prank you've played on someone or the best prank that's been played on you?

"A prank you and your siblings played on your parents..."
"April fools jokes..."



Set-Up

Matthew 19

It's human to push boundaries, test limits, and see how far we can go. Still, there are reasons for boundaries and often we discover this as a consequence of our desires for things not meant for us. God does not set boundaries to take anything from us, He sets them so that we may walk in our full potential.

Read [Matthew 19:3-11](#)

In what ways do you push or test God's boundaries?



Search

Read [Malachi 2:10-17](#)



Verse 10

What are ways that you have been unfaithful or insincere in your marriage or relationships? (i.e. closing off emotionally, not considering them, lying, indifference)



Verse 11-12

How do you view marriage or potentially getting married in the future? (i.e. a covenant with God and your spouse or future spouse, just a piece of paper for government and tax purposes, or unnecessary in today's world)



Verse 13-15

When was the last time you asked God "why?"

What areas of unrepentant sin in your life do you need to bring to God?



Verse 16

Divorce begins by separating the “one flesh” God created into two (Mark 10:8). What does “two become one” within the sanctity of marriage mean to you?



Verse 17

Have you ever questioned the blessings of someone around you, or seen them as undeserving?



Solution

Read **Ephesians 5:21-33**

1. Giving in means we consider, or even put above our own, the feelings of our spouse. How can you buy into giving in?

What are three steps you can take to give in this week? (If you are single consider ways you will practice this for your future spouse.)

2. What are some ways you can buy into sharing in everything?

Make time for date nights

Other _____

Set a time to pray together

Emotional check ins

Allowing yourself or spouse to be vulnerable (i.e. maybe even have a safe word, so your spouse knows you just need to be heard)



Send Out

Break into groups of 2-3 (same gender if a coed group), discuss what sharing your life and giving in to your spouse look like daily and on a grand scale. Make a plan to connect with each other in-person, call, or text this week.

Pray together.