

## RECOMMIT

### Recommit 2 Love

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1. Read Ephesians 5:25-33. Then pray, asking the Holy Spirit to make these verses a reality in your life.
2. How do you think your marriage would be impacted if you saw marriage as a sacred symbol that reflects Jesus' sacred covenant with you, His Bride, the Church?
3. Pastor Derwin and Vicki walked us through the acronym LOVE, which applies to not just those who are married, but to everyone.

#### Listen to each other's heart

- a. Read Ephesians 5:25. How are husbands to love their wives?  
Pastor Derwin said, "Because I am loved by Christ sacrificially, I'm empowered to love my spouse sacrificially."
- b. What insights did you gain?

#### Observe and Serve

- a. Read Ephesians 5:26
- b. Because of Jesus' love towards His Bride, the Church, His redemptive work makes us, His people:
  - Holy – We are as sacred as Jesus and set apart as the Bride of Christ.
  - Clean – We are eternally forgiven of our sin and are as spiritually pure as Christ.
- c. Pastor Derwin said, "Because I'm sacred (holy), forgiven (clean), and restored, I'm empowered to serve my spouse. Discuss this.

#### Value him / her

- a. Read Ephesians 5:27-33.
- b. A man's greatest desire is for his wife to respect him. Why is this important to a man?
- c. How do women in today's culture, in the Church and outside the Church, view respecting men?
- d. What are ways you can respect your husband?
- e. Pastor Derwin said, "Because I'm valued by Christ, I'm empowered to value my spouse." Discuss.

#### Experience Christ together (Prayer, Scripture, Serve)

- a. Pastor Derwin said, "The closer each of you get to Jesus the closer you will get to each other."
  - How does praying, reading Scripture, and serving each other draw you closer to Jesus and to each other?

**Close in prayer**