

**Discussion Questions for March 13, 2022 sermon,  
“Relational Blueprints: Christian Marriage”  
from Ephesians 5:21-33**

*(You may not want to read these until after you’ve heard the sermon.)*

1. Would you agree that there has been an incredible volume of change in our world lately? Explain. Why do you think Scripture encourages believers to “stand firm” and “hold fast”? (See 2 Thessalonians 2:15 and 1 Corinthians 16:13-14.)
  
2. Read Genesis 2:18-25. What do you think these verses teach us about God’s “relational blueprint” for marriage?
  
3. What are some ways that people today might be deceived about God’s design for marriage? Consider Hebrews 13:4 and 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.
  
4. How might you counsel someone who is struggling with same-sex attraction? What advice might you give someone who is in a same-sex relationship?
  
5. Read Ephesians 5:21-33. How might our society’s devaluation of women impact our feelings about verses like Ephesians 5:22-24?
  
6. How do you think God’s blueprint for husbands in verses 25-29 might give us a proper context for biblical submission? (Consider 1 Peter 3:7 and Jeremiah 17:10.)
  
7. What impact might it have if husbands and wives did a good job following God’s blueprint for Christian marriage?