

DISCUSSION NOTES



Connect Members to One Another

Of all the “secrets to a happy marriage” that Pastor Schlie gives, which do you think you do most regularly?

In the message, Pastor Schlie notes that everyone has a box “filled with HOPES, DREAMS and DESIRES.” What were some things in your box that you brought into your marriage that differed from your spouse’s? Did conflict over expectations ever arise?

Connect Members to God

Ephesians 4:32 *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

Does knowing that God so easily forgives us for all our sins make it easier to forgive others? Is some forgiveness harder to give?

Ephesians 5:1-2 *Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

How easy it is for you to “walk in the way of love”?

Ephesians 5:21 *Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

Pastor Schlie describes a happy marriage as a “submission competition.” How does that play out in real life? Did his examples change what you think “submission” looks like?

Message Application

Reflect on the question, What is it like to be married to me? If you’re unmarried, consider what your answer may be in the future.

Do you have any “secrets” that you could share with others that you’ve learned in your years of being married?

If you’re unmarried, what was your biggest takeaway from this message for a future relationship?



