

**Text: John 2:1-12**

**INTRO:**

1. The current status of marriage
2. The high cost of broken families

Principles on protecting your marriage

**A. PRINCIPLE 1: INVITATION(John 2:1-3)**

1. We all face problems in our marriage (John 2:1 ,3 )
2. We need the presence of Christ in our marriage (John 2:2)
3. Marriage is a priority in the heart of Christ  
(John 2:11, John 4:54, John 5:15, John 6:14, John 6:20, John 9:3, John 11:24)

**B. PRINCIPLE 2: TRANSFORMATION (John 2:6-10; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)**

1. God can intensify your sense of purpose (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)
2. God can strengthen your partnership (Ecclesiastes 4:11)
3. God can provide you with protection (Ecclesiastes 4:12)

**C. PRINCIPLE 3: DEMONSTRATION (John 2:11; Ephesians 5:25)**

1. Our marriage demonstrates God's glory (John 2:11)
2. Our marriage defines the highest meaning of love (Ephesians 5:25)

**CONCLUSION**

1. The American Psychological Association reports that around 50 marriages end up in separation. The rate is even higher in subsequent marriages. What are the real effects of separation on marriage and family?
2. The Gospel of John reveals seven signs by which Jesus revealed His glory. Take time to read each of these signs and their corresponding passages. After reading, reflect and share your thoughts on why Jesus used the Wedding in Cana as the “first of many signs” to reveal His glory? What does this priority reveal about Christ and the way He looked at our marriage?
  - John 2:11 Wedding in Cana
  - John 4:54 Healing the royal official's son in Capernaum
  - John 5:15 Healing of the paralytic in Bethesda
  - John 6:14 Feeding of the 5,000
  - John 6:20 Jesus walks on water
  - John 9:3 Healing the blind man
  - John 11:24 The raising of Lazarus
3. Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 and describe why two is better than one. At the end of this passage, it says three is even better when it says, “A three-cord strand is not quickly broken.” Share the significance of having Christ at the center of your marriage?
4. Ephesians 5:25-27 tells us that the model of every marriage is the way Christ loved the church? How did Christ love the church that we can demonstrate as well to our spouses?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 and pray for all the couples in the Life Group to have a stronger marriage.