



# Praying Circles Around Your Marriage

## Opening Question:

What is the wisest statement (or best advice) you've ever heard from anyone about marriage?

## Read Ephesians 1:17-19a

What stands out to you most in reading this passage? What questions do you have?

In the passage, Paul makes a connection between receiving wisdom from the Holy Spirit and knowing God better. How does wisdom enable us to know God better? How does a lack of wisdom hinder us from knowing God better?

In the message, Pastor Silverio asked: "How many of the challenges that we've faced in our marriages were made even bigger because we simply did not know what to do?" Have you ever thought about that before? If the Holy Spirit is always ready to give us wisdom, how does it impact the way might start approaching prayer?

## Read Ephesians 2:19-22

In this passage, Paul is showing how God is joined two very distinct people (Jews and Gentiles) and made them into one whole building that he is actually still building. Do you see the parallels of what God does when he joins a husband and wife in holy matrimony? How can we use this passage to pray a circle around marriages?

Reflect on this statement: "your marriage has not finished becoming, you're still being built together as one building!" Is it more common for you to dwell on what you used to be or do you find yourself focusing more on what you are becoming? How might this insight turn into something the Lord may be stirring in you to circle in prayer?

## Application:

Look over the passages in Proverbs that Pastor Silverio shared - Proverbs 3:5-6; 19-23. What prayers do you see that you can start praying for someone else or together with your spouse? Share examples of these prayers with each other. Pray them together.

## Prayer

- Share praises and prayer requests with one another.
- Guided prayer: God, you are good in all your ways. Your love stretches from generation to generation. You have never let us down. We pray over all the marriages represented in this room. We ask that you give everyone wisdom, that you would keep building these marriages as a dwelling place for your Holy Spirit, and that you give us all a better vision for marriage than the one the world gives us. Be glorified as you show your love to us and answer our prayers. Amen.