

The Vow

The Vow of Priority (Wk.1)

LifeGroup Notes

TALK IT OVER

Main Ideas

A vow is a promise our soul makes. The first vow of a healthy marriage is the vow of priority: I promise God will be my number one and my spouse will be my number two.

Key Scriptures

When a man makes a vow to the LORD or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said. Numbers 30:2

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Genesis 2:24

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ Matthew 22:37-39

Additional Ideas:

“When once a vow is made it is an oath of the soul, by which it is bound to perform those purposes which have been uttered before the Lord.” – Sutcliffe

We get in trouble when we take lightly the things God takes seriously.

For Singles: I will seek the One while preparing for my two.

“Be the one you’re looking for is looking for.” – Andy Stanley

Start talking.

- Why are promises important?
- Joel made the point that there are typically two types of promise: Promises of the Head and Promises of the Heart. Describe some that would fit in each category.
- What is the result of breaking our promises?
- Describe a promise that was difficult for you to keep and the impact.

Start thinking.

- Read Numbers 30:2. Why were vows so important?
- Joel explained that a biblical vow was three fold: A promise of commission (“I will do...”), A promise of omission (“I will not...”) and an invoking of God’s name to be the catalyzing agent in and over it all. How does that shed light on how God views our vows?
- How does culture support and/or degrade the value of promises/vows?
- How do you wrestle through these ideas if you are single?

Start sharing.

- What are the influences that make it difficult to make God your number one and your spouse your number two?
- Whether single or married, what are the common things for you that try to push into the number one position?
- How does a couple recapture healthy priorities when they have become skewed?

Start doing.

- Describe one practical way you will pursue God in the first position in your life.
- Set a date to have a conversation with your spouse to discuss where each of you fit in your daily priorities.
- Go to harborchurch.life and register for The Vow - Night Out on March 2.

Close in prayer.

Ask Jesus for his wisdom, patience, and courage to admit the ways you’ve allowed things to get out of position in your life. Invite the Holy Spirit to protect and guard your marriage and/or the marriages of those close to you.