

## Study Guide for Part 8: Marriage & The Gospel “Just As...”

### EVANGELISM

- How often are you in the role of giving advice to others?
- Describe how this statement changes the way you give counsel—*Don't give good advice: Give the Good News!*

### MARRIAGE & THE GOSPEL

- The KEY WORDS in this message were “Just As.” Explain what this means.
- How does the Gospel come into play in terms of LIFE APPLICATION?
- Ephesians 5 says that marriage is a mysterious picture of the Gospel. Discuss what this means!

### EXAMPLE OF BIBLICAL MARRIAGE

- Some marriages in scripture provide an accurate picture of Jesus' love for His Bride, the Church. Name a few:  
Other marriages—not so much! They are a *contrast* to the Gospel. Name a few:
- Why did Jacob go through with the marriage to Leah? What was his real intention? How is this a contrast to Jesus?
- Leah was *unloved* in her marriage! How did God demonstrate how wrong this was?
- If Jacob loved Leah like Jesus loves His Bride, the Church, how would the story have been different?

### STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES

- *Why is loneliness a problem?* There are many answers, but we learned one more: If we were totally alone, we couldn't see our sin. But in relationships, we can see our sin more clearly. Relationships are a MIRROR to see ourselves by. Discuss: *How do relationships reveal our sin?*
- When our sin is revealed in our marriage, it might seem like the marriage is broken. What is the correct perspective?
- Final thought: *Jesus died on the cross to win His Bride, and Jesus invites us to pick up our cross daily and follow Him.* What does this teach us about relationships, especially when there is trouble?