

9. Rooted in Worship

“A marriage of unity, understanding, and love, is rooted in the worship of God as creator, sovereign, and savior.”

OPENING DISCUSSION:

Consider and discuss the following *BEFORE* watching Session 9:

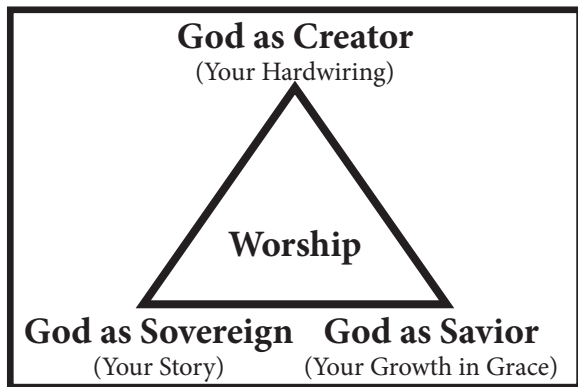
1. How are you and your spouse different? Examine the physical, emotional, and spiritual differences that separate you (*preferences, abilities, weaknesses, personalities, and so on*).
2. How do those differences affect your marriage?

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

There is no Scripture passage for Session 9

KEY IDEAS:

1. Often, the differences that were attractive in courtship become irritating in marriage.
2. Spouses fall into thinking that they would make a better creator than the Creator.
3. God has ruled over all the past situations that have formed the way your spouse lives.
4. The ultimate purpose of marriage is not personal happiness; it is redemptive holiness.
5. Marriage will reveal that your spouse is a sinner - how will you react to that revelation?
6. If you ever see or hear the sin of your spouse, it's never an interruption - it's always grace!



REVIEW & DISCUSSION:

1. What would happen (or has happened) if you didn't worship God as Creator in your marriage? Conversely, how will your marriage improve when you worship God as Creator?

2. What would happen (or has happened) if you didn't worship God as Sovereign in your marriage? Conversely, how will your marriage improve when you worship God as Sovereign?

3. What would happen (or has happened) if you didn't worship God as Savior in your marriage? Conversely, how will your marriage improve when you worship God as Savior?

APPLYING WHAT YOU LEARNED:

ASSIGNMENT #9 - Appreciating Differences

For this assignment, monitor the three different types of worship related to marriage. Journal or take notes below of instances where you failed to worship God in this way, and how that affected your marriage. Conversely, monitor instances when you chose to worship God in these ways and how those decisions affected your relationship. Be prepared to briefly share your experiences at the beginning of Session 10.

1) Worship God as Creator:

2) Worship God as Sovereign:

3) Worship God as Savior:

Supplemental Reading:

WDYE Chapters 12-13
Romans 15:1-13
Galatians 5:13-15



END OF SESSION

PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Why do the differences of my spouse irritate me so much?
What does the irritation reveal about the idols of my heart?

Why might the life story (upbringing, culture, etc) of my spouse irritate me? Why should I be worshipful instead?

Why does the sin of my spouse irritate me so much?
Am I unwilling to love, even though He first loved me?