

A teal-colored rectangular banner with a semi-transparent image of a man and a woman in profile, facing each other. The text "Real Marriage" is overlaid in white serif font.

Real Marriage

Study Questions - Week 2
“Real Manhood”

1. If you haven't already, listen to the sermon from Week 2 of our Real Marriage series. What stood out to you the most from the sermon? What questions came to mind as you listened?
2. In your upbringing what view of masculinity was taught? The machismo "manly man" view or the view that there is no difference between men and women? In what ways did you see these views lived out?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 16:13 together. Paul lays out some attributes of real men. Look through the following list. What ones are hardest to live out? Which ones do you see your spouse living out?
 - Be watchful (be on the alert, be awake)
 - Stand firm in the faith
 - Be strong
 - Let all you do be done in love
4. In every passages that addresses husbands and wives, there is distinction given. Men are called to some things and women are called to other things. Read the following passages addressing men and women and notice the differences:
 - Ephesians 5:22-33
 - Colossians 3:18-19
 - 1 Peter 3:1-7
5. The first thing God calls husbands to is leadership. What do you think this can look like in a marriage? What are some positive ways men can lead? What are some negative ways men can lead?
6. Psalm 128:1-4 frames up the goal of a husband's spiritual leadership. Read this passage. If a husband fears God and is leading well, what should the response be from his family?
7. The second thing God calls husbands to is sacrifice and service. Why do you think God calls men to sacrifice for their wives? Do you think most men rise up to this challenge? Who are some examples of men you know who do this well?
8. What are ways we can encourage husbands and fathers? Think practically. Who can you encourage this week about their leadership and sacrifice?

Spend some time in prayer together. Pray for men in our church. Pray that husbands would lead and sacrifice well for their families. Pray that men would step up to the challenge of what God has called them to. Pray that men would feel encouraged and blessed this week.