

COLD SPRINGS CHURCH

“Doing Life Well. Together.”

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“Striving & Thriving In The Differences”
(Genesis 2:24-3:13; 1 Corinthians 12:7, 20)

CHECK-IN (rank yourself 1 thru 5 per category)

1. **How is your *Being*?** (1- My soul is overflowing... 5- I am dry)
2. **How is your *Thinking*?** (1- I have focus... 5- I am distracted)
3. **How is your *Feeling*?** (1- I am aware... 5- I am in the dark)
4. **How is your *Doing*?** (1- I am acting intentionally... 5- I am frantic or passive)

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ONE THING STUDY

1. Read one of this week’s key passages.
2. Pick One Thing (a word or phrase) that stands out to you.
3. Talk about it with someone in your life and/or your group.

and/or...

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What stood out to you from this week’s sermon? Share it with someone!
2. How has your “family of origin” affected your communication style?
3. How can valuing people’s differences (understanding how they’re “wired”) help strengthen your relationships?
4. How has Jesus’ redemptive love towards you impacted your relationships with others?

PRAYER Colossians 4:2

Pray together, including needs discussed in your group time.

3G MENTORING

Looking to engage in *intentional, meaningful, spiritual conversations*? We can help! Check us out at www.coldspringschurch.net/3g-faith.

RESOURCE

“Becoming Us: Using the Enneagram to Create a Thriving Gospel-Centered Marriage.” McCord, Beth & Jeff. (2019). Morgan James Publishing.

*Interested in **Next Steps** @ Cold Springs Church? Contact Pastor Esther: esther@coldspringschurch.net or Pastor Steve: steve@coldspringschurch.net*

Beyond Survival
Surviving & Thriving In The Differences

I. Getting To The Root - Genesis 2:24-3:13, ESV

II. What Everyone Wants

- A. To be fully known and fully loved
 - 1. This is the definition of intimacy.
- B. What everyone fears
 - 1. If you fully knew me, you wouldn't really love me.

III. The Journey Toward Intimacy

- A. Trust, Transparency, Vulnerability

IV. Fearfully And Wonderfully Made

- A. David and Pam's differences
- B. Differences are not weaknesses in your marriage, they are what give your marriage strength - when you value those differences.

V. Men And Women Are Different

- A. Biological Differences
- B. Brain Differences

VI. Appreciating The Differences

- A. Differences are not weaknesses in your marriage, they are what give your marriage strength - when you value those differences.
- B. Differences are there to strengthen the "us" - *1 Corinthians 12:7, 20, ESV*

VII. Marriage

- A. ...it's about loving something more than yourself.
- B. Differences can cause conflict, though!

VIII. Do You Want An Album Relationship Or An iTunes Relationship?

IX. So, What Do We Do With Our Differences?

- A. Understanding - *1 Peter 3:7, ESV*
- B. Appreciate
- C. Honor

X. Beware Of Devaluing One Another - James 4:10-12, ESV

XI. The Danger Of Stress

XII. THE PROBLEM:

Loving Yourself More Than Your Spouse Or Your Marriage

A. *Romans 12:3-5, ESV*

XIII. How To Get Along

A. Jesus First

B. Reveal Christ to one another through sacrificial love

1. *Ephesians 5:25, ESV*

2. *1 Peter 3:1-4, ESV*

C. Submit to each other - *Ephesians 5:18-21, 22, ESV*

D. Respect Each Other

1. *Ephesians 5:33, ESV*

2. *1 Peter 3:7, ESV*

E. Protect their weaknesses

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