

Pacific Growth Group – Sermon Questions

Week of February 1st, 2026

Sermon Series: Together: God’s Design for Relationships and Community.

Sermon Theme: “The Mutuality of Marriage”

Primary Text(s): Luke 1:5-25

1. How do you believe popular cultural stories about love and marriage (movies, music, social media) shape our society’s expectations differently than Scripture does?
2. The sermon defined mutuality as “two distinct people freely bound together by authentic love and enduring commitment.”
 - a. *How does this definition reflect God’s design for marriage in Genesis 2 and Luke 1?*
 - b. *Why is it theologically important that marriage is rooted in God’s creative purpose rather than cultural preference?*
3. *Based on 2 Corinthians 6:14 and the example of Zechariah and Elizabeth, what does it practically mean for a couple to be aligned in “direction,” not just belief? Which shared convictions seem most essential for sustaining mutuality in marriage?*
4. Luke presents Zechariah and Elizabeth as righteous yet childless.
 - a. *What does this teach us about the relationship between faithfulness and suffering in marriage and in the Christian life?*
5. The sermon showed that life, including marriages, is often shaped by hardship rather than protected from it.
 - a. *How does this challenge the idea that a “good” marriage should be easy or problem-free?*
6. In Luke 1:10–13, God responds to long-standing prayer.
 - a. *How does persistent prayer reshape both a marriage and a person, even before circumstances change?*
7. Elizabeth worships God before her child is born (Luke 1:25).
 - a. *What does her response teach us about trusting God in the space between promise and fulfillment?*
8. Zechariah moves from doubt to praise (Luke 1:57–80).
 - a. *How does his story show that God’s purposes are not dependent on perfect faith, and how does that encourage us in seasons of uncertainty?*
9. *Which of the sermon’s invitations—renewed foundation, mutual shaping, or renewed worship—do you most relate to right now? What would it look like this week to respond to God in that area through prayer, repentance, or action?*