

## Small Groups materials - The Blessing

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Process	The Blessing	Material	Time
Welcome	Welcome Everyone		
In this session we will be discussing the Blessing... (brief introduction)		5mins	
Intro <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQ1ykRrzoII">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQ1ykRrzoII</a>	Watch video		
What's the world's view of marriage?			
Christian wedding vows:  "In the name of Jesus, I ___ take you, ___, to be my (husband/wife), to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, for as long as we both shall live. This is my solemn vow."			
What do you think of these vows?	youtube	10mins	
Main <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUSk13Z8hhM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUSk13Z8hhM</a>	Watch video		
What's the difference between the blessing and marriage outside of the church?			
Unification Church vows (not updated):  "This is solemnized through four vows, through which you affirm that you will become: --a true man or woman who practices sexual purity and life for the sake of others; --a true husband or wife who respects True Parents' example and establishes an eternal family which brings joy to God; --a parent who rears your children to follow the tradition of true love for the sake of the family and world; and --an ideal family which contributes to world peace. "			

What are the main difference between Unification Church vows and Christian vows?			
Why are there such high rates of divorce in the world today?			
	youtube	15mins	
True Father's speech from 1982, Belvedere):			
"You should think to yourselves, "I have a huge pool of love within me, and no matter how good a swimmer my husband (or wife) may be- even if he dives down a hundred feet and swims for a whole day- my pool of love is larger than his (or her) capability to swim it. He (or she) will never be able to explore the whole of it. My pool of love will never be diminished."			
What do you think True Father is saying through this quote?			
In terms of the blessing, what does it mean to be unconditional?		15 mins	
	Linking to talk:		
Blessing testimony. How do the previous things discussed relate with their own experiences?			
		15mins	
	Closing:		
If people are free to stay longer, we can stay to chat and discuss more ☺		2mins	