

Lesson 9: Unequally Yoked
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Preparation

Read II Cor. 6:14 Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

Background

Every pastor is painfully aware of the consequences of people getting married even if very different as to their personal faith. Since they “love each other” and it is “true love”, what could ever go wrong? As time goes on, resentment and even hostility may develop as shown in this role play. If being a committed Christian is important to you, think twice about marrying a person who is not.

Select two group members to play the parts of Tom and Barb, If you have time, bring the props suggested below and use them to provide a humerus symbolic scene. If not, simulate the actions indicated. The audience will get the point.

Have an additional person to serve as moderator at the end to lead class discussion.

Scene 1

Tom and Barb get hitched.

Minister: Tom and Barb, seeing that two can live more cheaply than one, I now join you together to pull through life together.

The minister hands one end of the broom to Tom and the other end to Barb. A rope is tied to the middle of the broom and the other end to a wagon with the word “Life” on it with an arrow pointing forward. The couple pulls the wagon outside.

If no wagon, rope, or broom is available, use a chair instead. The couple is asked to pull the “chair of life” forward by pulling their side of the chair but they can’t let go of their side of the chair and have to move the chair together.

Scene 2

Children Arrive

The couple re-enter with a baby doll in the wagon. Barb is pulling most of the load. Tom is drifting along.

Barb: Tom, why don’t you help me? Do I have to carry this load all myself?

Tom: Leave me alone. I need to get another drink.

They exit the room. Tom continues to lag behind.

Scene 3

Fight over Church

Now the wagon has a Bible in it and is not moving forward at all.

Barb (trying hard to pull ahead): I am going to church tonight.

Tom (forcefully pulling her back): No you're not. We need to spend time together. You're always talking about God and church, and you're leaving me completely out,

Barb (resisting, but giving in): God is important to me. If you won't come along, at least let the kids and I serve Him.

Scene 4

The class discusses and comes up with the next scene.