

LESSON XIV - MARRIAGE

GETTING STARTED

1.) Read the following scriptural passages with your students:

- a.) Genesis 2:18-24
- b.) John 2:1-11

Be sure to draw their attention to the following points:

- a.) Marriage was established by God in the Garden of Eden, refer to Genesis.
- b.) Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, as Lord and Savior, also blessed marriage, refer to John.

2.) Read Ephesians 5:22-33. Draw attention to the fact that St. Paul compares the union of husband and wife to the union of Jesus Christ and the Church.

3.) Discuss with the students their reaction to the above reading. Note that this is one of the readings which is done at weddings.

4.) Direct your students' attention to St. Paul's final comment to both husbands and wives - *Ephesians* 5:33.

- a.) What should husbands do ?
- b.) What should wives do ?

5.) Tell your students that marriage in the Armenian Church is referred to as *busag* = *crown* because both the bride and groom are crowned during the conferring of the Sacrament of Marriage.

FINISHING-UP

Brief Answers - Briefly answer/complete each of the following.

- 1.) What is marriage ?
- 2.) What is the purpose of marriage ?
- 3.) In the Sacrament of Matrimony, what does the Church do ?
- 4.) What is necessary to worthily receive the Sacrament of Matrimony ?