

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

Becoming Who We Are: Marriage Through Christ

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Referenced Scripture: Ephesians 5:21-33, John 5:30, John 6:38, John 13:34, Matthew 20:25-28, Luke 22:42

Reflection Questions:

1) What were some observations/takeaways you had from this sermon?

2) "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." Ephesians 5:21… How would you define/ describe mutual submission in a Godly marriage? A Godly marriage is a submission competition. Agree or disagree? Why?

3) "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34… Jesus is our model for love for one another. How would you describe Jesus' love for us? How would we express that same kind of love in marriage?

4) Read Ephesians 5:25-27… What is the responsibility of the husband in a marriage relationship? (v. 25) What is the husband's goal for his sacrificial love toward his wife? What are practical things a husband must do to obey this command of God? Describe. How can husbands lay down their lives to help their wives become all that God has created them to be? What makes this command of God challenging and difficult for husbands?

5) Read Matthew 20:25-28… How does Jesus' definition of leadership/headship differ from how the culture defines/expresses leadership? How then should the church express leadership differently in marriage? Describe/Explain.



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6) Read Ephesians 5:31-32… The marriage covenant is rooted in oneness ("one flesh"). How should it look for leadership and equality (one flesh) to be expressed in the marriage covenant?

7) Read Ephesians 5:22-24… What does it mean for a wife to submit to the leadership of her husband? What does it NOT mean? How would you describe the responsibility or role of the wife in a Godly marriage? How has the word submission taken on a negative connotation in our culture and/or the church? How can a wife be respectful/supportive toward her husband in his role/responsibility?

8) Read Ephesians 5:33… Why is it critical that BOTH husband and wife express their God given responsibilities? How does this lead to a healthy oneness? This section of Ephesians describes God's vision/ideal for marriage. This means it is possible and liveable. What makes living out this ideal difficult for husbands and wives? What is required of each of them?

9) Bob said that marriage is not 50/50. What did he mean by that? Do you agree or disagree? Explain.

10) In what areas of our marriage am I more concerned about getting my needs met than meeting my spouse's needs?

11) According to v. 5:21, what is our motivation for mutual submission?

12) Where am I keeping score or holding onto resentment because I believe I am contributing more than my spouse?

13) What would it look like for me to put my spouse first this week without expecting anything in return?

14) What is one way I can better demonstrate the kind of sacrificial love Jesus has demonstrated toward me?