



Talk it Over

PASTOR LYLE – DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY – FAMILY – 11/9-10/24

KEY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:19 (NLT)

19 Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!”

Ephesians 5:21–6:1 (NLT)

22 For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord.

23 For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church.

24 As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything.

25 For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her

26 to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God’s word.

27 He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

28 In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself.

31 As the Scriptures say, “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.”

32 This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.

33 So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

START TALKING

Pastor Lyle introduced Sunday’s teaching on marriage by discussing some of the ways definitions, viewpoints, behaviors, etc. are shaped by the world and our “natural inheritance”. As we grow in discipleship to Jesus we are called to reshape and redefine these according to God’s vision for them.

Compare and contrast aspects of, and attitudes around marriage as characterized by the world and by God’s Word.

START DISCUSSING

Read Matthew 4:19

THE PROCESS AND PROGRESS OF DISCIPLESHIP?

Pastor Lyle spend time reviewing the process and progress of discipleship.

Take a few moments and discuss the steps below.

What is the difference between each step?

How does the body part help to give definition to each step?

Head – Committed to Following Christ

Heart – Committed to Being Changed by Christ

Hands – Committed to the Mission of Christ

Feet – Committed to Walking It out Where You Work, Live and Play

Head – Committed to Following Jesus

Read Ephesians 5:21-33

IN MARRIAGE, FOLLOW JESUS EXAMPLE?

Pastor Lyle talked about how Jesus is the example for both the wife and the husband. He is not belittled by his submission to the Father. And because of his love for the church, he sacrifices himself for her sake.

Discuss the word submission. How does Christ submit to the Father?

How is submission not a product of slavery or coercion.

Discuss how Christ loves the church.

List the things Christ does for the church in verses 25-27.

What does it mean to love someone as your own body?

Verse 31 describes the change in allegiance from the family of our parents to a new family formation.

Explore the idea of how this is a mystery?

Reread Ephesians 5:33

A SUMMARY STATEMENT OF MARRIAGE?

Discuss how a husband’s love and a wife’s respect work together in a marriage?

