

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

COLOSSIANS 3:18-19

INTRODUCTION:

We all approach marriage with a mental picture of how it is going to be. Even if you are single you have already begun to imagine what marriage should look like.

"She will meet my needs. He will meet my desires. She will take care of the household. He will be my 'Mr. fix it.'"

These are just a few of the many expectations we bring into our marriages. The problem is when we only focus on the benefits we'll receive. That's in direct contradiction to God's vision for marriage. Today's discussion will focus on a Christian vision for marriage and offer some practical help to bring it about.

ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS: (OPTIONAL)

If you could give one piece of advice to a married person, what would it be? Why would you say that?

PLAY WEEK THREE VIDEO (10 MINUTES)

This video can be played all at once or paused after each section. After watching the video, use the discussion questions to encourage conversation. You don't have to ask every question. You can also ask your own.

DISCUSS:

1. What were the expectations that you had going into marriage? Have they changed since? If single, what mental pictures do you have of a good marriage? Why?
2. Ladies, when you hear the word submit, what first comes to your mind? What does Paul mean in our passage? What does he NOT mean by submission? Why do some think of submission as a negative thing?
3. What does it mean to submit "as is fitting in the Lord?" Does this change your view of submission? How should this phrase shape our view of submission?
4. Men, what comes to your mind when you hear the word love? How is it that you most effectively share love? Ladies, if love were a language, with which dialect do you connect most naturally? Why is that?
5. How are husbands harsh with their wives? (intentionally or unintentionally) Read 1 Peter 3:7. How does this verse add to Paul's teaching in Colossians & Ephesians? What pathway should men take to get "understanding?"
6. Pastor Wes talked about some tangible ways that husbands and wives can serve one another. Which one stood out most to you? Why was that?
7. Share 2-3 ways that you can show love & appreciation to God by serving your spouse this week.