

SERMON GROUP STUDY GUIDE

What was the most significant thing you learned from the sermon or something in the sermon you didn't quite understand?

INTRO

Have you ever believed something that made you feel out of step with culture at large or even just the people in your life?

When culture and conviction collide, what is the final authority: Human opinion or God's Word?

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - COLOSSIANS 3:18-19

If you are a wife, what is your gut reaction to Paul's words in V 18? Why do you think that is?

What motivation does Paul give for a wife's submission? Why does that matter?

In Christian marriage, who has the ultimate authority?

Christ is the model for both husbands and wives. How do sacrifice and submission actually work together?

If you're not married, what can you learn from and be instructed in by these verses?

TAKEAWAYS

WE MUST HEAR AND HEED THE WORDS OF JESUS

Matthew 7:24-27; 19:4-6

Would financial stress, illness, disappointment, or betrayal reveal a marriage that has placed its trust in Christ or a "sandy foundation" blown down by some storm?

When it comes to marriage and relationships, who is really shaping your expectations: Jesus or whatever is trending?

Does your view of marriage look more like modern media or Matthew 19:4-6?

You cannot build a Christ-centered marriage on a self-centered life. Does Jesus direct your daily decisions?

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE IS A REFLECTION OF THE GOSPEL

Colossians 3:12; Romans 5:8

If Christian marriage is meant to reflect the Gospel, what does your marriage currently say about Christ? Are you proud representatives of the Canadian Hockey League? (Col 3:12 – CHL)

Since Christ loved you while you were still a sinner, how are you challenged to love your imperfect spouse?

For husbands, the question isn't "Am I in charge?" You should be more concerned with the spiritual well-being of your wife. Are you leading in repentance? Are you setting the tone spiritually? Are you protecting your wife's dignity? Are you investing in her growth in Christ?

For wives, do you trust the Lord enough to honor His design? Do you support and encourage Godly leadership? Do you speak the truth with respect?