

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

What's something in life you used to think would just work out on its own, but now you realize you actually have to be intentional about it?

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - COLOSSIANS 3:18-19

Is marriage something humans invented, or something God established?

Brad stated that marriage is a covenant. Alistair Begg describes marriage as a "covenant of companionship." A God-ordained, solemn, lifelong commitment that reflects Christ's covenant faithfulness to the Church. It's not a contract that can be restructured or canceled on a whim. What do you think modern culture gets wrong when it treats marriage like a contract instead of a covenant?

Why would it have been shocking in the ancient world for Paul to address wives and husbands as equally accountable "in the Lord," and what does that teach us about the dignity Christ gives to both men and women?

How can marriage have a God-designed order (headship/submission) without implying that one spouse is more valuable than the other—and why do you think modern people struggle so much with that idea?

TAKEAWAYS

WE ALL NEED REDEMPTION

Colossians 1:13-14

John Woodhouse warns that we can be deceived into thinking a life situation—even marriage and family—will bring us what only Christ can. In what ways do people (even Christians) look to marriage or family life for peace, security, and identity instead of looking to Christ?

How does remembering our shared need for redemption change the way we respond to sin and brokenness in our home

FIX YOUR EYES ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Philippians 2:8; Ephesians 5:25

How does Jesus' humility and obedience shape what biblical submission should look like in a marriage? What are some common distortions of it?

How will you live this out this week: married people by reflecting Christ through sacrificial love and humble submission (Ephesians 5:25; Philippians 2:8), and single people, by pursuing the same Christlike humility and self-giving love in your relationships?