



Week 9- "The Power And Purpose Of Marriage"

Christianity offers us an incredible opportunity to read documents written by people who knew Jesus. They wrote first hand accounts of what Jesus said and what He did. In this series, we are reading a letter written to the Ephesians by a guy named Paul. In this week's message, we look at what Paul says about the power and purpose of Marriage and how these ideas can have the potential to change our lives for the better.

1. What stood out to you from the message?
2. What is something you learned about yourself after getting married?

Read Ephesians 5:25-33

3. Marriage is a tool God uses to make us more like Jesus. In what ways have you seen yourself grow as a result of marriage?
4. How can remembering that you are broken and made whole by Jesus help you as you bump up against your spouse's brokenness?
5. In what ways can showing love and respect help create a safe place to be open and honest with each other and with God?

Read Ephesians 2:1 and 5:18

6. How can you lean into the Holy Spirit for help when you feel the need to self protect?

Paul reminds us of the Gospel. Through faith in Jesus we are standing on the truth that God fully knows us and fully loves us.

7. How can this truth help you open your heart more to your spouse and invite God into places that need healing?

When we put our faith in Christ we can stand on the truth that God fully knows us and fully loves us. Through no accomplishment of our own God's spirit of love is in us and we can trust Him to be safe enough for our Spouse, and vulnerable enough to open up to God's healing hand. We can lean into the Spirit to help us love and respect our Spouse, and help in opening our hearts to God and each other. As we do this God promises to "sanctify us, cleanse us...so that he might present us to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle." Ephesians 5:26-27