

LIVE IN GODLY MARRIAGE

Ephesians 5:22-33

SERMON SUMMARY:

When we view the statistics between married Christians and married non-Christians, we see a disturbing trend. This leads many Christ-followers to despair. Can my marriage get better? But that isn't the whole story. Today, we will pay attention to the key ingredients to a Godly and flourishing marriage.

SERMON OUTLINE:

The Myth

Marriage between Christians is no better off than marriage between non-Christians.

The Truth

When we function within how God designed marriage, we flourish.

God's Design for Marriage

Submission is not a role, it is a response.

The wife's role is helper, and the husband's role is servant leader.

Marriage points to Jesus.

Application

Beware of your great Enemy.

Connection to each other is facilitated by connection to God.

THINK ABOUT IT/TALK ABOUT IT:

- What statistics have you seen about marriage? Are they generally encouraging or discouraging?
- Why do you think we typically do not function within how God designed marriage?
- Talk about submission. How is it typically understood? How is Paul's understanding of submission the same or different?
- What is the role of each spouse within marriage? And what does that look like practically?
- Why does Paul emphasize the picture of marriage between Christ and the church?
- In what ways does the Enemy seek to destroy our marriages? What tactics does he use?
- Talk about the triangle analogy vs the tick analogy. What happens when you function in each?