



This past week Pastor Chris began a 5-week series called “Family Business.” His sermon was on the marriage and 10 things we can do to build healthy marriages.

Key Passage: Ephesians 5:21-33

Discussion Questions:

1. Looking back at your notes, what encouraged or challenged you the most from the sermon?
2. The Bible teaches marriage is a gift from God; it is defined by God and is the primary picture of the Gospel. What other places are people looking for a definition of marriage today?
3. Review and discuss the 3 circles and emasculation scale in comparison to the goal of marriage. The goal of marriage is “oneness that highlight the truth of the Gospel.”
4. Pastor Chris talked about “staying out of the ditches with one of them being legalism. He referred to building a fence and possibly multiple fences in front of God’s word and instructions. How have you possibly done this in the past in your life and how can we avoid this in the future? This doesn’t have to be about marriage only but so many areas in our lives.
5. Why do some react negatively to Paul’s instruction to wives? How would you answer their objections to the concept of “submitting”?
6. How does the illustration of marriage as a picture of Christ and the church give purpose and hope for the marriage?
7. In what ways can our class help each other to break generational curses in family, thinking, and cultural patterns and keep commitments to Christ, community, and time in the Bible?