

4.3.16 Primer

Colossians 3:17-19

Hear the Good News (Ephesians 5:22-33):

[22] Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. [23] For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. [24] Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

[25] Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, [26] that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, [27] so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. [28] In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. [29] For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, [30] because we are members of his body. [31] "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." [32] This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. [33] However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. (Ephesians 5:22-33 ESV)

The Point:

If you want to have a worship-filled marriage, stop looking at yourself, stop looking at each other, and fix your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of your faith.

Quote:

"Mutual submission is the best decision." - Andy Stanley

"Love your wife. Jesus will build his church." - Billy Graham

"The way to have a great marriage is by not focusing on marriage." - Francis Chan

Embrace the Good News:

1. What was your big takeaway from Sunday's message?
2. Read Ephesians 5:22-33 (a parallel passage)
3. According to this passage, what does marriage teach us about God?
4. What does marriage teach us about ourselves?

5. What is submission? What is love? What is respect? What is leadership that doesn't embitter (Col 3:19)?

Live the Good News:

1. How does this passage impact the way that you live out the Good News in your home and in your relationships with friends and family?
 - a. Parents: How can you model these truths to your kids and help them to understand these complex concepts?
2. How does it impact the way that you weave the thread of the gospel as you interact with your church family? In our local community? To the ends of the earth?