



Out of Reverence for Christ

Main Scripture: Colossians 3:18-21, Ephesians 5:21-27

Additional Scriptures: Galatians 2:20, Mark 10:45, Luke 9:23, Hebrews 12:2

Discussion Questions

- **Read Ephesians 5:21.** Pastor Matt said that this verse is critical to understanding the rest of what Paul is about to say in regards to marriage in verses 22-33. Why is he placing so much emphasis on this verse? How does verse 21 frame the rest of the passage on marriage?
- “Marriage is not about your happiness, it is about God’s glory.” How do we justify that marriage is about our happiness? How do we move from being about our happiness in a marriage to being about God’s glory?
 - What are some practical steps you would need to take?
 - What are some paradigm shifts that would have to take place?
- “Marriage is not about your happiness, it is about your holiness.” How does/can marriage make you more holy?
- Pastor Matt said that “in the context of marriage, you have to start by asking the right question. The question frames everything else and if the question is off, everything is off from the get go.” What questions is he referring to? What did he mean by that?
- Pastor Matt also brought up this idea of the 100/0 principle, where a spouse is supposed to give 100% and expect nothing in return. Do you agree with that? What parts of your marriage are you viewing as 50/50 versus 100/0? Why is it so dangerous to view your marriage as 50/50?
- **Read Ephesians 5:25.** What does it mean to give yourself up for your wife? How does this play out in everyday life? Give 5 ways you can personally apply this.
 - Wives, give 5 ways you can personally apply this concept as well towards your husbands.
- If someone were to watch your marital interactions for a week, would they be able to see an accurate portrayal of how Jesus loves the church (husbands) or how the church should love Jesus (wives)? Why or why not?