

Sermon Discussion Questions for May 12, 2019

Scripture Passages: Proverbs 24:3-4 and Genesis 3
Our Imperfect Family: Marriage

1. What key point stood out to you in the message?

2. Marriage brings mixed results. Some marriages last for a lifetime while some end in divorce. Where do we find in the Bible the origin of broken relationships, especially the marriage relationship? What are the specific “curses” given from God to Eve and Adam? (read Genesis 3:16-17 in the NLT-women will desire control over husband. Husband will want to dominate wife. Husband’s work can demand too much time, etc.).

3. What are main fears of a husband according to the resource Andrew quoted? (to feel inadequate and disrespected). What are the main fears of a wife? (to feel unloved and alone). These fears coupled with the “curse” leads to a major challenge. How do husband and wife deal with this challenge? (the power of Christ).

4. Read Ephesians 5:33. What are the two actions Paul points to for building a healthy marriage? How do these behaviors address the challenges presented from the “curse” from Genesis 3:16-17? Will these two things happen naturally? What is needed? (the Power of Christ).

5. Pastor Andrew described two ways of viewing the marriage relationship. What were they? (covenant and consumer). How does God view marriage? What relationship does Paul compare the marriage relationship? (marriage relationship compared to relationship between Christ and the church). What time period do vows in a wedding ceremony primarily pertain? (mainly future). Ex: for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, till death do us part, etc.

6. What will you do to strengthen your marriage this week? Husband? Wife?
 - Remember to pray for each other’s unique challenges and commit to pray throughout the week for one another.
 - Love others as Christ loves you.
 - Fill your mind and heart with the gospel of Christ Jesus.
 - Live out the gospel of Christ which calls for radical Love for God and Love for others.

