

## Sermon Discussion Questions for May 5, 2019

Scripture Passages: Proverbs 24:3-4 and Psalm 127:1  
Our Imperfect Family: Marriage

1. What key point stood out to you in the message?
  2. What is the focus of Psalm 127:1 and Proverbs 24:3-4? What is the more relational name for “house?” (home).
  3. Spending time together is often mentioned as keeping families healthy. How should the time be spent? In Proverbs 24:3-4, what qualities help establish a healthy home? (wisdom, understanding, knowledge). What/Who provides the framework for these qualities in the home? How does this look?
  4. Pastor Andrew discussed 4 stages of marriage. What were they? (Romance, Reality, Resentment, Restart/Resign/Rebuild. Do you find your marriage living in one of these stages? How can a couple avoid staying in stage 3? The rebuilding stage assumes overcoming resentment and focusing on God in the marriage.
  5. What are the two primary obstacles to having a healthy marriage? (pride and insecurity). How does pride manifest itself in a marriage and lead to conflict? What about insecurity?
  6. The gospel of Jesus Christ provides the keys to a healthy marriage (all relationships in fact). Pastor Andrew had a quote that summed up the gospel – do you remember? (The gospel declares you are far worse than you ever imagined but that you are far more loved than you ever dreamed). How does this truth of the gospel combat pride and insecurity?
- 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.

