



Love

Sunday 10:30am - June 9, 2024

in the Christian Family

A Bible study on the basis, boundaries, blessings, and bread of the Christian home.

Basis

Genesis 2:18-25 & Matthew 19:1-6

1. What does God establish as the basic family unit? Describe it.
2. When God describes the family unit of husband and wife he doesn't list procreation as the primary reason for bringing them together. What word would best describe why he created the marriage bond?
3. Other than the marriage bed, how is "one flesh" reflected in the love that is formed between husband and wife?
4. Evaluate: "Love is enough of a reason for two to form a new family together."
"A marriage should end when two people are no longer in love."
5. How does this world distort the concept of "love" as the reason for marriage?

Jackie and Brett, both single, met at a friend's party. After exchanging flirtatious glances, they started talking. They enjoyed each other's conversation and company. At the end of the party it was late, they had left their friends behind and were on their own walking down the beach after dark. Jackie felt sure this night was a magical night she'd never forget. Brent suggests they head over to his place. If you received a sudden phone call from Jackie saying she won't need a ride back home with you, what advice would you give her?

Boundaries

Matthew 5:27-32

1. What does God say about lust and pornography? How is pornography never a victimless crime?
2. What Scriptural reasons are there for ending the marriage bond?

1 Corinthians 7:1-5 & 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

3. How are Christian husband and wife to view and use their bodies? What about single Christians?

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

4. Rate the merit of your own love for others based on this description of love.

5. Sometimes a spouse might complain about being in a “loveless marriage.” How does “keeping record of wrongs” destroy a marriage just as much as anything?

Colossians 3:18-21

6. God treats all equally in Christ. But there are still different roles for members of the Christian family. God’s love doesn’t change our role in the family. It only changes our attitude as we joyfully carry out our role. How might each family member struggle to carry out his or her role? Read verses 12-14 of this chapter for the solution to these struggles.

Trisha and Josh have been dating for a few months. Josh is really nice to her and opens doors for her. He treats her to expensive dates and always has something fun planned for her when they are together. Josh, however, never shows any interest in meeting Trisha’s parents. He avoids meeting her church family too. The only time they are together is on their dates. Why should Trisha be seeing strong red warning flags? What would you suggest she say to Josh?

Blessings

Proverbs 3:33; 18:22; 31:10 Psalm 78:1-8; Proverbs 5:15-20

1. List some of the blessings of the love found in the Christian home:

Fred says he can’t accept the fact that God would want two people who love each other to withhold that love by denying them marriage. He says any two people that love each other should be free to get married and enjoy that love. Where does Fred imply we get joy and blessing? What is the basis for his belief? What might you say to Fred if he was your son or a member of your church?

Bread

1 Corinthians 6:9-20

1. What was our attitude by nature toward love, sexuality, and the home? What happened to change all that?

2 Timothy 1:5, Hebrews 10:23-25

2. What are some good ways to keep the love of Christ center-stage in the Christian home?

Mitch and Tiffany thought it was important to get married. They knew that God wouldn’t want them to just live together. So they did what they thought was the right thing and got married by their pastor. It was a beautiful wedding in the church with friends and family. You attended their wedding at your church because you grew up with Tiffany and occasionally still got together as friends. At first they came to worship about once a month. Eventually you only saw Mitch and Tiffany on Christmas, Easter, and the baptism of their daughter. What might you counsel Tiffany if she came to you for advice on some marriage troubles?

Next week: Discipline In the Christian Home: –Basis, Boundaries, Blessings, and Bread

