

Faith At Home Sermon Series

Week One (8/15/21): Building An Intentional Marriage

Scripture Text: Ephesians 5

God designed families and marriage as incubators for children to experience and know Him. In fact, the model for Christian marriage is the relationship between Jesus and the Church. Whether you're currently married or are interested in marriage, it's important to understand and model God's desire for us to build intentional and Christ-centered marriages.

Sermon Points:

1. God designed marriage as an incubator for children to experience and know Him
2. The model for Christian marriage is the relationship between Jesus and the church
3. Jesus is the motivation in a Christian marriage
4. Christ is the model for the husband
5. The church is the model for the wife

Discussion Question Options:

- What was particularly impactful about this week's message on marriage?
- What kind of family did you grow up in? e.g blended, stable, etc. What other factors (media, etc.) informed or influenced your model of marriage?
- We see God inspiring Paul to explain Christian marriage by starting with Ephesians 5:21 "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." How does this steer the subsequent guidance for men and women within marriage?
- What do we learn from the relationship and the roles that God gives husbands and wives in light of the relationship between Jesus and the church? What action steps might this lead you to this week?
- As we process the impact marriages we've experienced in the past + our present experience with marriage relationships, pray for one another to rely on God's grace and forgiveness as we follow the example of Jesus.