

March 3rd, 2018 Message Discussion Questions

Redeemed Relationships – Ephesians 5.25-33

Main Goal (FOR LEADER): to have good discussion around our roles in marriage and how to live that out today. If you think it would be helpful – you can divide up as men and women to talk about this topic.

Disclaimer (READ THIS): Today is not the day for man/woman jokes. There are enough dangerous waters to navigate without having to wonder if someone is joking or not, and we are called to respect one another as we have dialogue around this. Commit as a group you will do this today.

REVIEW:

On Sunday's we've been going through a series called "Redeeming Relationships" to see how God purposes us to live in relationships with one another under the Gospel.

1. This week we focused on marriage again – in Ephesians 5.25-33.

- If members of your group were in service, take a couple minutes to review the main points and any major take-aways.

LESSON: *In 1 Peter 3, Peter gives guidance for how to thrive within the context of marriage. Your time this week will be spend processing together what HE says about the topic of marriage together.*

2. As a group, read 1 Peter 3.1-9 together at least twice (focus, listen, and digest what's being said – soak it in).

3. Now focus in just on vv1-6.

- What are some OBSERVATIONS ("truths") about what's being said here about wives?
- What questions do you feel like you still need clarity on in these verses?
 - Are there other verses in Scripture that might help you clarify?
- v6 references "fear" – how is that connected to the first 5 verses?
- what (if you had to sum it up) would be the main point here for wives?

4. Now focus on v7.

- What are some OBSERVATIONS ("truths") about what's being said here about husbands?
 - the word "considerate" here is the combination of 2 words: "according to" and "knowledge." How does this help you understand how husbands are meant to treat their wives?
 - what does that look like today?
- v9 connects conduct as husbands to their prayer life with God. Whats this connection saying? Why do you think it works this way?

5. Now look at vv8-9.

- re-read the list of conduct words here.
 - Which do you see as being most important for YOU to live out right now in your life?
 - Which is most challenging today?

6. Whats one thing you'll apply to your life this week as a result of interacting with God's Word here together?

7. PRAY TOGETHER over your relationships right now.