

Getting To Know You

1. Have you ever received some really good marriage advice? If so, what was it?
2. If you are a parent, what is something that you once said you would never do as a parent, but do? Explain.
3. Darlene Schacht said, "God's Word is the perfect guidebook for marriage, and those who live by His Word will reap the blessings that obedience brings." Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
4. John Eldridge said, "The balancing act we parents attempt is convincing our children: 1. You are loved more than you can imagine. 2. The world does not revolve around you." Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
5. Genny Monchamp said, "Show your children God's love by loving them and others as Christ loves you. Be quick to forgive, don't hold a grudge, look for what's best, and speak gently into areas of their lives that need growth." Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
6. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Digging Deeper

1. What is God's design for marriage? Who is the author of marriage? In what ways has humanity tried to rewrite God's design? Explain.

What are the husband's responsibilities in a marriage? In what ways is he supposed to shepherd his wife and family (lead, feed, care, comfort, love, protect, etc.)? By what standard is he to love his wife? What does unconditional love look like? In what ways should the husband be selfless? Explain.

What are the wife's responsibilities in marriage? What does submit mean? In what ways has this been misused and abused? Explain. What does displaying respect look like? Explain?

Does your actions and behavior represent conditional or unconditional love towards your spouse? Explain. How would you differentiate between the two, practically? What is your spouse's love language? How are you fulfilling his or her needs? Explain. What is one thing you could do this week to increase intimacy within your marriage?

2. Why are children supposed to obey their parents? What does honoring your father and mother look like? Explain. When is a child cease to be under their parent's God given role/authority? How is this different then displaying honor to them?

What is the role of parents? What does Deuteronomy 6 say? What are some practical ways to live that out? What have been some topics or subjects that you have been discussing in your home during the plethora of issues/situations? What does God's word say about all the current cultural and national conversations? Do you have a cultural, political, intellectual viewpoint or a biblical one? Explain.

What are some ways that parents can provoke or exasperate their children? What are some ways that your parents did it to you? How do we avoid doing this?

3. What are our responsibilities as employees? Would you consider yourself a person of integrity? Would others? Explain. Why should a Christian be the most employable person out there? Explain. How important is hard work? Is hard work something that we can or should avoid? How does God view work?

How should an employer treat their workers? Who are they accountable to? If you are in leadership is this something that you take seriously?

Do you do things as you if you're doing them for the Lord or someone else? Explain.

Growing Closer

1. Who is someone you shared the gospel with this week?
2. What have you been reading in your quiet times?
3. What has God been teaching you?