

PULPIT DRIVEN DISCIPLESHIP

CARRYING DISCIPLESHIP HOME AND BEYOND



Colossians 3:18-19

DAILY STUDY

- Pray: Ask the Lord to reveal His intention for the text
- Read the passage
- Think about Pastor Bill's "Big Idea"
- Who would God have you share this study this week?
- Reach out to others to discuss this together

BIG IDEA: FULLNESS IN JESUS CHRIST IS THE FOUNDATION THE SPIRIT USES TO EMPOWER COVENANT COUPLES TO FULFILL A CALLING IN MARRIAGE THAT GOES AGAINST THEIR TENDENCY AND TEMPERAMENT.

SERMON OUTLINE

1. Fullness in Christ
2. The Call to Submit
3. The Call to Love
4. Peculiar and Problematic

DISCUSS

1. What is fullness in Jesus Christ?
2. How does the doctrine of fullness in Christ come to bear on Gospel marriage?
3. What does the calling to submit for a wife or to love for a husband look like in Gospel marriage?
4. How does the Gospel come to bear on the peculiar and problematic nature of these callings?
5. How does this passage lead me to greater praise of God?
6. How does this passage lead me to repentance?
7. How does this passage call me to live differently?



Adapting Discussion Questions

The "Discuss" questions are designed to be general for many age groups and believers in various stages of their walk with Christ. Here are some ideas of ways to adapt these questions to make them applicable to the group God is calling you to learn with.

YOUNG CHILDREN

1. Remind your children that this section of Colossians (3:1-4:1) is the application of Paul's prior teaching on the supremacy of Christ and our union with Him. Because of those glorious truths, we have the power to live as Christians.
 - a. It is also helpful to point out and discuss Col.3:12-14 and how it sets the stage for our passage this week concerning marriage.
2. To discuss Col.3:18 it might be helpful to read the NIRV translation that says, "Wives, follow the lead of your husbands. That's what the Lord wants you to do." Ask your children what it means to "follow the lead". You could even play follow the leader to illustrate. Ask them which role is more difficult, the follower or the leader, and why that might be.
3. The NIRV translation of Col.3:19 is helpful too as it says, "Husbands, love your wives. Don't be mean to them." Ask your children to give examples of what it might be like to not be mean, but to love.
4. Ask your children to pray for your marriage and/or take time to pray for your children to possibly become wives or husbands someday.

STUDENTS

1. Read Colossians 3:12-17. How are these previous verses connected or related to verses 18 and 19?
2. What does a wife submitting to her husband have to do with thankfulness?
3. What does a husband loving his wife, and not being harsh, have to do with thankfulness (3:19)?
4. What would Paul say if he addressed Christians today? Is 3:18-19 still relevant today? Consider this verse in light of relationships in general, not just marriage.
5. What types of people should you submit to and obey?
6. Ultimately, to whom should we all submit ourselves? What does Jesus want each of us to do in all our relationships?
7. How is thankfulness connected to our view of relationships?

*Borrowed and adapted from John D. Barry, Colossians: Being like Jesus.

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NON-BELIEVERS OR NEW BELIEVERS

- Not only are we called to live out the gospel in our marriages, but our marriages are also to be a picture of the gospel. Husbands loving your wives as Christ loved the church, and wives submitting to your husbands as to the Lord. Is your marriage currently a good reflection of this?
- Drawing upon a parallel passage (Eph.5:22-33), the husband's role is to love, serve, and lead his wife. The wife's role is to submit to and respect her husband, as well as to be his helper (Genesis 2). How does focusing less on what my spouse should do for me, and more on how I can faithfully live out my own particular role, make for a much stronger and healthier marriage?
- Your FPC Marriage Ministry exists to provide biblical training and equipping for marriages. We walk alongside you to help prepare, strengthen, enrich, and restore marriages. Please come and talk with Pastor Jonathan about any of the ways we can offer encouragement. Marriage is hard but we want to help you thrive!

Scriptures for further study: Genesis 2:18-25; Ephesians 5:22-33;
1 Peter 2:21 – 3:7