



Family

Icebreaker: What Candy are you most tempted to sneak when attending Fall activities?

Read Together: Genesis 1:27 (ESV), Matthew 19:4-6 (ESV)

Discuss:

- What was God speaking to you this week as Jason talked about Family and Marriage?
- Who had the idea of family?
- Do we have the authority to redefine something that someone else designed? Why or why not?

Marriage---

Read Together: Acts 17:28 (ESV), Ephesians 5:31 (ESV)

Discuss:

- Jesus affirmed marriage! He knows that it represents his union with the church!
 - We are individuals within the oneness that the covenant of marriage provides. As part of the church, that relates to our relationship with God. What is challenging about being one with God while being an individual?
 - As Marriage partners, we can find individuality to be a challenge as we work to be one with our spouse while also doing what our individual calling demands. How can we submit to God's design for marriage and allow ourselves to thrive?
 - If you are waiting for a marriage partner to practice covenant with on earth, how can you participate in covenant and submission as a single person?
- God comes alongside us and is FOR us!
 - What is your first reaction when you fall short of acting like a child of the King?

Pray:

Lord Jesus, please show us how to live in a biblical family. Give us a clear understanding of submission to Jesus and how to translate that into our relationships here on earth. Help us to shine as your example to the world of the love and connection you created humans for. Our hope for healthy relationships is found in you! Please give us the wisdom we need to lean on you as we navigate family and marriage. In Jesus' name, Amen!