



Gospel Driven Life:

Part 4a—Distinctively Christian Families

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Ephesians 5:22-31

*What makes up the “DNA” of a Great Commission Church?
Over the next several weeks we will explore the six commitments we believe
make up a life driven by the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Summary of Today’s Lesson: The fourth commitment we want to make is to building biblical families through submitting our lives to the Jesus Christ and being filled with His Holy Spirit.

1. Marriage began as COMPLIMENTARY relationship between men & women reflecting the TRIUNE God.
2. Because of Sin, marriage is now a COMPETITION between men and women for power in the relationship.
3. Women seek control through MANIPULATION; men seek control through FORCE or PASSIVITY.

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Getting to Know Me: (these questions are designed to get your group started and build community)

How did you & your spouse meet?

(If not married: what is one quality you would want in a spouse?)

Getting Started: (these questions are designed to “prime the pump” and get the group thinking about the teaching on Sunday)

1. What was one principle/idea/thought that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?
2. If you could go back into time and give yourself one piece of advice *before* you got married, what would it be?
3. What has been one of the biggest challenges for you in marriage? (if single: what has been a challenge in the dating world?)

Digging Deeper: (these questions are “text-based” and designed to help get the group talking about the Scriptures together)

Read Genesis 1-3

1. What do you think God meant when He said that the marriage relationship was to be of “one flesh”? How does that affect the way you view your own marriage?
2. How has the natural desire for “power” in dating/marital relationships personally affected you?
3. Do you think it was fair of God to put the blame of the Fall primarily on Adam? Why or why not?
4. What do you think is the biggest lesson we are to learn from Adam & Eve's experience?

Application:

1. What is one area of your marriage (or dating relationship or singleness) that you feel God calling you to submit to Him in? How are you going to do that this week?