

God and Family Series #1**Marriage****Matthew 19:4-6**

1. Share something you're proud of in your family (suggestions could involve your extended family, parents, siblings, children, etc.)

Read Matthew 19:1-15

2. What main points about marriage, divorce, celibacy and family does Jesus make?
3. From Matthew 19:4-6, as a group, try to put what the verses express into a one-sentence definition of marriage.
4. What was Jesus trying to show his listeners about Moses' teaching on divorce? (Matt 19:7-9)
5. Examine the responses of the pharisees (v.7) and the disciples (v.10). From their questions, how do both groups misunderstand the heart of God?
6. Read Ephesians 5:25-32. How does Jesus' teaching on marriage in Matthew picture another marriage, that of Jesus and the church? (also see Rev 21:2-3)
7. [Personal question, share as you are comfortable] What are some ways that you can build up your own marriage or be an encouragement to another couple's marriage (could be your friends, Life Group members, parents, etc.)?

God and Family Series #3
Sexuality
Philippians 3:15-21

1. How ready are we to accept overcomers, strugglers and even moderates who want to say in our midst?
2. How should we respond to those we know (Christians or not) in our family or amongst our friends, who want to stay in the gay lifestyle?
3. How should we deal with social pressure personally and on the church, to "modernise" with the times and celebrate LGBT lifestyle?
4. How should we disciple our church further, in the face of pressure for society including the church, to align with LGBT ideology?

**God and Family Series #4
Children
Colossians 3:20-21**

1. Share some pleasant things your family members have done for you in the past month. (If you're comfortable, you may also share some which are "unpleasant.")

Read Colossians 3:17-4:1

2. How does verse 17 interact with Colossians 3:18-4:1? Suggest some underlying attitudes which Paul expects family members to have in the way they relate to one another.
3. Paul instructs children to obey their parents "in everything." What reasons does he give for this instruction and why? (See Ex 20:12 & Eph 6:1-3)
4. What responsibilities do parents have towards their children? (v. 21, see Eph 6:4)
5. What would it look like if children and parents followed Paul's instructions?
6. [Personal question, share as you are comfortable] If you have children, how do your children help *you* to grow as a disciple of Jesus? If you do not have children, how can you support parents in our church family to disciple their children?

Note: A "Disciple" is one who conforms one's words and ways to the teachings of Jesus and learns from Jesus to live like him.

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