



Growing in Grace – Discussing Marriage (3)

“For this cause a man shall leave His Father and Mother and shall be joined to His wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and His church.” Ephesians 5:31-32

1. Look at Matthew 19:6. What do you think “Let no man separate” means?
2. What are ways it is possible to be too attached to your family of origin for approval, respect, money, or advice?
3. What physical, emotional, or spiritual gifts have your family given you that will be/are a good thing for marriage?
4. Up to this point, have you been involved in spiritual reproduction, or disciple-making? Who influenced you to love and follow Jesus Christ? Do you teach others to love and follow Jesus Christ?
5. Look up Jeremiah 31:33-34 and read it along with Matthew 19:6. How is marriage a covenant? How do you believe this should influence your approach to marriage?
6. Do you have a track record for keeping promises, even when keeping those promises hurts or costs you a great deal?
7. In Colossians 3:14-16, Paul unpacks the implications of being a recipient of grace. In what ways do you either run over people in criticisms and judgment or says nothing in order to avoid conflict?
8. Read Malachi 2:15-16. Why does God hate divorce?
9. If you have been previously married, to what degree does resentment, anger, and guilt still linger? If you are in a first time marriage, what areas have left you with bitterness, anger, or resentment?