

PURE MARRIAGE: Marriage as Mission

Sermon # 12, Matthew 5:14-16

Main Point: *The mission of your marriage is to shine the light of Jesus Christ into the world.*

Getting to Know You

1. Picture yourself as an old couple sitting in your rocking chairs on the front porch on a warm summer's evening. In that moment, what do you hope your marriage counted for in this life?

Getting into the Book:

Read Matthew 5:14-16

2. According to Jesus, what is the purpose of His light shining inside of you?
3. Pastor Blair talked about viewing your marriage as mission. Have you ever thought about your marriage in this way? If so, how? If not, why not?

Getting out There

4. Pastor Blair mentioned three actions we can take to live on mission in our marriage; glorify God, testify about Christ, and multiply a Godly legacy.
 - a. What are some ways you have tried to glorify God with your marriage?
 - b. What are some practical ways you can partner together to testify about Christ to unbelievers through your marriage? (i.e. Pastor Blair mentioned pray, give, go, host)
 - c. What are some ways you can intentionally multiply a Godly legacy through your children?
5. Read Mark 10:28-31. How does Jesus' promise calm your fears about giving up the "American Dream" to pursue the "Eternal Dream"?
6. What do you think of this quote by author Francis Chan:

"Even now, I am working to make sure that my family is set up for the future. When most people make that statement, they are talking about financial security for their last few years on earth. When I say it, I'm referring to the millions of years that come after that. People accuse me of going overboard in preparing for my first ten million years in eternity. In my opinion, people go overboard in worrying about their last ten years on earth."

~ Francis Chan, *You & Me Forever*, p. 9.

7. How would you go about reprioritizing the direction of your marriage to live for the "Eternal Dream" rather than the "American Dream"?
 - a. Commit to at least one way you will do this. Have someone in the group write it down, and in future meetings hold each other accountable to this commitment.

Prayer

Pray for God's help in seeing your marriage as a mission partnership to shine His light to those around you. Ask for His grace and strength to live in a way that will be in line with His mission for your marriage.