

HER STORY

JESUS, WOMEN, AND THE CHURCH

Week 1: Seeing The Big Picture (Bruxy Cavey)

Week 2: Jesus & the New Covenant (Karmyn Bokma)

Week 3: Marriages That Preach (Leanne Friesen)

Week 4: Women Leaders & the Prohibiting Passages (Bruxy Cavey)

Week 5: Special Guest – Jo Saxton

Week 6: Q & Eh? (Bruxy Cavey)

Plus: Podcast interviews with Dr. Marion Taylor & Dr. Cynthia Westfall & Danielle Strickland

APPETIZER: Submit to One Another

Mutual submission means asking yourself, “How can I love, honour and care for you?”

- We are dearly loved children of God
- We are called to follow Jesus and walk in the way of love
- Our lives should be characterized by the fruit of light (goodness and righteousness) and thankfulness

DINE IN: Laying Down Your Power for Love

Ephesians 5

Paul is teaching the church to identify:

- Who has power
- How to lay down power
- How to mutually love and care for each other

Paul uses examples of “women’s work” in his culture throughout this passage to describe the ways husbands should love their wives.

- Bathing and cleansing
- Washing clothes for a wedding ceremony
- Preparing food and serving it

TAKE OUT: Marriages That Preach

- Our marriages are not meant to only let us experience God’s love through each other, but to show God’s love to everyone who sees our marriages.
- The way we love each other is not only a gift to one another but a testimony to the world.
- God’s design for our marriages is to be yet another witness that would make people say: “THAT is what God’s love is like?”

Genesis 2:22-24, Matthew 19:4-6, Mark 10:6-9

Home Church Questions

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. What stood out to you from this Sunday's teaching?
2. Have you heard this interpretation of Ephesians 5 before? Share with the group some of the different teaching you've heard on "biblical marriage."

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

3. Read **Ephesians 5**.
 - a. What stands out to you from the passage? What do you think is Paul's point in the chapter leading up to his instructions for husbands and wives?
 - b. How would cultivating an ongoing awareness that you are a dearly loved child of God change the way you went about your day? How would it help you to "walk in the way of love" towards others (**v.2**)? Talk about some examples.
 - c. Submission is not a popular word in our culture, yet correctly understood as loving others by laying down our power, it is a high value in the Kingdom of Jesus. How have you submitted to Jesus in your life? How does this translate into submission to others? If you are married, how has this influenced your submission in marriage?

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

4. When have you served others and loved well (or missed opportunities to do so), including serving your church, investing time in your family, helping your friends, showing kindness to strangers, and loving your enemies?

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