

As Christ Loved the Church



God is not simply interested in saving our souls, he is interested in our whole person. This means that God is also interested in our relationships: social, work, friendships and romantic. One relationship that spans time, geography and culture is the relationship of marriage. For this reason, the Bible has much to say about marriage. This direction from scripture has always been important for God's people, but it continues to gain relevance today due to the break down of the marriage relationship in our culture and the way that is impacting marriage relationships within the church.

April 15, 2018 | *"One Size Doesn't Fit All"* | 1 Corinthians 7:7-9, 25-40 & Matthew 22:23-33

Married with children is not God's design for every person. In fact, for the sake of the Kingdom of God, it is better if we would not all be married, then we could focus our attention on God's mission. Our single people are our symbol of the eschaton (age to come).

Interview with Keith Forrest and Donna Dynna

April 22, 2018 | *"Dealing with Divorce Gracefully"* | Matthew 19:1-12 & John 4:10-18

No one goes to the altar with hopes of one day divorcing that person they are pledging their lifelong love to. Divorce happens when something has gone painfully wrong in the marriage. Why the Bible discourages a culture of easy divorce, God's grace continues to be in operation in the lives of people who have had divorce.

Interview with Leon & Elaine Scott

April 29, 2018 | *"What's the Plan?"* | Genesis 2:18-25 & Ephesians 5:21-33

If marriage is a part of this present age and doesn't continue on into the new age, then why is it important? Why does God care? How is a married couple loving each other a symbol of Christ loving the Church?

Interview with Brett and Belinda Leibel

May 6, 2018 | *"Marriage Workout"* | 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Just like our physical bodies, we cannot take our marriages for granted. We need to intentionally exercise and pay attention to that relationship. We must always remember that love is an action not a feeling.

Interview with Bob and Karen Kardynal

May 13, 2018 | *"Marriage Crashers"* | Ephesians 2:11-22

The modern day fairy tale has taught us that, "They lived happily ever after." In many ways this has left us unprepared for when difficult times enter a marriage. Pastor Steve will show us how to deal with the things that crash our marriage in the context of Jesus's reconciliation.

Interview with David and Sarah Schuchardt

May 20, 2018 | *"Till Death We Do Part"* | Genesis 23

Marriage vows are meant to be for life, which means married couples are meant to grow old together. What does that look like and why is it important? In a culture that fears long term commitments long marriages points to the goodness of God in a special way. These marriages are also models for young couples in the church just starting out.

Interview with Ed and Linda Smith