

Beyond MEasure/Be Encouraged

Main Idea: The gospel transforms social structures and empowers us to love and serve like Christ for one another.

Connecting

What was your first gaming system?

Have you had an injury that took a long time to heal? Explain.

Understanding

Read Ephesians 5:21 – 6:9. What is your overall impression of these verses?

How does verse 5:21 give us a lens through which to see and understand the rest of the passage?

Given this lens, what is Paul's main point in each of the sections about core relationships: marriage, parenting and work? How did these differ from the cultural norms of that day?

From this passage, how should following Christ reshape our fundamental relationships?

Living

What is culture saying today about our core relationships and how does the Gospel speak into that culture?

In which set of relationships - husband-wife, parent-child, or boss-worker (and others) - do you face the most challenges?

Paul is encouraging the church of Ephesus to care for one another in a counter-cultural way by loving and serving one another. How are we being called to do that today?

Next Week: Vision Sunday. Selected passages from Ephesians.