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Makes us **TEACHABLE**

Makes us **APOLOGIZERS**

Makes us **SACRIFICIAL**

Makes us **FORGIVERS**

Conviction

Keeps Christ at the **CENTER**

Keeps us focused on the **MISSION**

Keeps our mind on **ETERNITY**

Keeps us from **INFIDELITY**

And when their powers combine...

Priscilla and Aquila were...

- **STEEPED** in God's **WORD**
Acts 18:26
- **HOSPITABLE** for God's **CHILDREN**
1 Corinthians 16:19
- **AVAILABLE** for God's **CALL**
Acts 18:3
- **BOLD** for God's **TRUTH**
Romans 16:3-5
- **INVESTING** in God's **KINGDOM**
2 Timothy 4:19

Life Group Study Questions

For the week of October 25, 2020

(Questions and Scriptures for further study & discussion)

Special note about this week's topic of "Becoming a Power Couple": This week's Life Group discussion questions are designed to be helpful to all of us regardless of marital status.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

1. Christopher talked this weekend about the two "secret ingredients" for us to have in both marriage and singleness in order to be like a "power couple." Can you think of one or two additional "ingredients" you believe are essential for being influential and effective in God's kingdom and living in a way that impacts others around you?

2. Can you think of any people in your life who have done marriage or singleness exceptionally well? If so, what stands out to you about them?

Do you see any principles from this weekend's sermon evident in their lives?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. This weekend, we looked at the power couple of Priscilla and Aquila and their important role in the history of the church. Christopher spoke about how humility helps us to be the kind of people who leave an impact on others and make a mark in the kingdom of God the way this couple did. How could the following verses help us understand what humility looks like in our lives or our marriages?

Philippians 2:1-4 New International Version (NIV)

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Psalms 25:8-12 New International Version (NIV)

⁸ Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. ⁹ He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. ¹⁰ All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

¹¹ For the sake of your name, LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great. ¹² Who, then, are those who fear the LORD? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose.

James 3:13-17 New International Version (NIV)

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

Which one or two principles regarding humility in these verses present the biggest challenge to us and our natural tendencies?

Can you think of an example in your life or marriage when pride or a lack of humility made you unteachable, unapologetic, unsacrificial or unforgiving?

How might that situation have looked different if you had applied a principle from these verses?

2. In this weekend's message, Christopher talked about how conviction keeps us on track in life and marriage. Conviction can be described as a deep and unwavering commitment to what you believe to be right or true. How do you see the concept of conviction reflected in these passages?

Hebrews 3:1-6, 12-14 New International Version (NIV)

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. ³ Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. ⁵ "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. ⁶ But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

¹² See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. ¹⁴ We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end.

Hebrews 10:23, 35-39 New International Version (NIV)

²³ Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

³⁵ So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. ³⁶ You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. ³⁷ For, "In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay." ³⁸ And, "But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back." ³⁹ But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.

James 4:4-8 New International Version (NIV)

⁴ You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? ⁶ But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." ⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

With these principles in mind, what might it look like when people lack conviction?

Reflecting on these verses, how do you think we grow or hold onto our conviction?

As you think about your own life or marriage, does conviction play a role in your day-to-day life? If so, how? If not, how could it?

3. Every believer, whether married or unmarried, is called to represent the Gospel and live in such a way that others may know Jesus better. In the following two passages, Paul lays out his vision for marriage and singleness. In what ways could both of these, if lived out in the way these verses describe, be an instrument for showing Christ to others?

Ephesians 5:21-32 New International Version (NIV)

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. ²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

1 Corinthians 7:32-34 New International Version (NIV)

³² I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord’s affairs—how he can please the Lord. ³³ But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife— ³⁴ and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord’s affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband.

If someone else were observing how you are currently doing marriage/singleness, what do you think they might learn about Jesus from you? What would you hope they learn about Jesus?

TAKING IT HOME

1. Looking back on the five characteristics of Priscilla and Aquila from Christopher’s sermon, are there any you would like to implement more in your own life or marriage?

2. What is most important for you to remember from this week’s sermon or Life Group study?

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