

HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Radical Teachings of Jesus #4

“What’s The Big Deal About Marriage?”

Mark 10:6-9 (NIV) ⁶ “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ ⁷ ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸ and the two will become one flesh.’ ⁹ So they are no longer two, but one. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”

- It is NOT my responsibility as a Christian to judge _____
- It IS my responsibility as a Christian to judge _____

Hebrews 13:4 (NCV) Marriage should be honored by everyone.

Why Marriage is such a big deal:

1. Marriage is _____

Genesis 1:27 (NIV) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 2:22-24 (NIV) ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. ²³ The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.” ²⁴ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

2. Marriage _____

between men and women

Romans 15:5,7 (NLT) ⁵ May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other— each with the attitude of Christ Jesus toward the other. ⁷ So accept each other just as Christ has accepted you; then God will be glorified.

“Marriage is hard work... The longer you work at it, the more satisfying it becomes. The more you work at seeing the world through your spouse’s eyes, the better you understand God’s plan (i.e. providing you are with someone who’s strengths compliment your weaknesses, someone you can love sacrificially so you can better understand God’s love for us).”

3. Marriage _____

Ephesians 5:24-25 (CEV) Wives should always put their husbands first, as the church puts Christ first. A husband should love his wife as much as Christ loved the church and gave his life for it.

“Valuing marriage makes life not about me. Caring for my spouse takes commitment of my time and resources and teaches me that there is more to life than me.”

November Memory Verse – **Ephesians 3:20** (NIV)

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us