

WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE

Mark 10:2-9--January 14, 2024



Sermon Recap:

The Institution of Family

I. A Designed Institution

- Gen. 1:27- God creates male and female, distinct, but equal in the image of God.
- Gen. 2:24- God brings a husband and wife (heterosexual couple) together as one flesh.
 - Creating the institution of marriage.
 - “leave father and mother”- a man and woman leave their home
 - “hold fast to wife”- creating their own family
- Mark 10:9- Jesus affirms that marriage and family are institutions created by God.
- Three Reasons for the Creation of Family
 - To give structure and order to human beings that He made in His image.
 - To pass the gospel from one generation to the next.
 - To be a living demonstration of various aspects of the gospel and Biblical truth.

II. A Fallen Institution

- In the Garden, Satan attacked gender roles, marriage, and family by usurping Adam and approaching Eve.
- Every family is now broken by sin.
- We must understand...
 - ...that Scripture affirms that family is created by God but it is broken by the Fall.
 - ...that while it is easy to see the sin in our family and home, it is essential that we start by examining our own heart and repenting of “major and minor” sin.

III. A Redeemed Institution

a. Reoriented

- Jesus reorients the institution of family in light of the Kingdom of God.
 - He realigns priorities.
 - Our allegiance, loyalty are his as we submit to his lordship.
 - Christ must come first, even before family.

b. Redefined

- Mark 3:31-35
 - In the Kingdom of God, “family” is made up of those who share faith and prioritize Christ.
 - Church is family.
 - Viewing the family through this lens changes relationships within the family.
 - All family members are potential brothers and sisters in faith.
 - That relationship exists with two primary goals: evangelism and discipleship.
 - The family exists to advance the Kingdom

Discussion Questions:

- How does Genesis 1:28, 2:24, and Mark 10:9 reveal family as an institution created by God?
- What are three reasons for the creation of family?
- How has the Fall broken the family?
- How does the gospel reorient the priorities in family?
- How does the gospel “redefine” the family?
- How does influence the relationships within the family?
- What are the two primary goals in family relationships?

Application:

- What assumptions do you (or did you) have about the family unit before today?
- How has Scripture taught, rebuked, and/or corrected those assumptions?
- How do you see evidence of the Fall within your own home?
- How do you see evidence of the Fall within your own heart?
- What are you doing about it in the presence of your family?
- Make a list of your top five priorities in life? How does the gospel affirm or rebuke them?
- How has Christ redeemed your family?
- How should the gospel shape the way you view family? In home? In church?
- Do you use family relationships for evangelism or discipleship?

