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Series Purpose: To discover what it means to be a true disciple of Jesus and to continue growing in our spiritual maturity as the body of Jesus Christ.

Recap:

Week 1 - The Journey: Discipleship is a journey! It doesn't happen overnight.

Week 2 - Abidance: This is core to the whole series.

Week 3- Church Sphere

This Week- The Home Sphere

THE HOME SPHERE

Matthew 7:24-27 NIV "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.²⁵The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.²⁶But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.²⁷The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

When we put Christ in the center of our home, we are like a wise man who builds his home on a solid foundation. We will all have storms of life and trials and circumstances in this world because it's broken, but if we keep Christ in the center of our home it will **stand firm** when the storms of life happen.

What are the current storms of life?

IT TAKES HUMILITY TO LIVE OUT OUR ROLES IN THE HOME SPHERE

When we go outside of God's architectural plan for relationship, it gets messy.

-But God loves and favors a heart of humility and He opposes pride.

Philippians 2:3-8 NIV Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

ROLES IN THE HOME

Every follower of Christ has a Spiritual family, even if their biological family is lacking.

CONTEXT OF EPHESIANS-The view of women in that culture was radically different than what God is showing us in Ephesians. The women had no value in that culture and they were often compared to as the same stature as a slave would be in that time.

Ephesians 5:21-27 NIV Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.²²Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord.²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Ephesians 6:1-3 NLT Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do.

²"Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: ³If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth."

We do what we do because of what Jesus has done for us.

-Jesus is a model of what each of our roles looks like.

HUSBANDS: Christ modeled how to be a husband with his relationship with the church.

WIVES: A wife respects as Jesus respected the father.

CHILDREN: Jesus modeled how to act as a child when he was with his father.

Deuteronomy 6:4-8 ESV "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

HOW HAVE YOU SEEN SUBMISSION MODELED IN THE HOME?

FOR HUSBANDS:

It looks like praying with your wife and your children.

It looks like listening instead of trying to fix everything.

It means you seek wise counsel together on decisions in the home.

It means serving your family not dictating your family.

FOR WIVES:

It looks like having a submissive heart, but it doesn't mean that you don't have a voice.

It looks like honoring his role and coming under that Authority so that he can lead the family closer to Christ.

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

For discussion with your small group, family and friends.

Ice Breaker suggestion: When did you get your first traffic ticket? Share the details. ☺

Passages: Philippians 2:3,4; Ephesians 5:1,2 & 21; Ephesians 5:22-30 & Ephesians 6:1-4; Psalm 68:4-6

Questions to discuss:

1. Share something from the sermon that was significant to you.
2. Whether you are married, single, kids, no kids, blended family, empty nesters, or grandparents we each get to be humble, intentional followers of Jesus in our home sphere. What has shaped your idea of home? A) 'Home sphere' relationships are places where we know and are known at a deeper level. What relationships are in your 'home sphere'?
3. Read Philippians 2:3,4 & Ephesians 5:1,2 & 21 What do these passages tell us about humility and relationships? A) How does your walk with Jesus impact how you interact with the people in 'home sphere' like family and close friends? B) How do the people in your 'home sphere' impact your walk with Jesus?
4. Read Ephesians 5:22-30 & Ephesians 6:1-4. What are the roles described in this passage? How does humility play apart in each role described? A) Who has modeled humility to you, particularly in the home sphere?
5. Read Psalm 68:4-6. What does this passage add to our understanding of the home sphere? A) How might you consider expanding your home sphere to include other people?

Passages for next week: World sphere – Ephesians 5:1-21, 6:5-9

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