

Study Guide

Love and Baggage #5

Let's Get Started

1. Pastor Jack described his 1980's wedding outfit. What is one piece of fashion you wore that you hope no records survive of?
2. Can you think of some expectations you had for marriage that you've learned were unrealistic, maybe even selfish?
3. Talk about some unexpected benefits of marriage you have experienced.

Let's Dig In

1. Read Ephesians 4:22 and 5:21
2. There are two ways to live in relationships-selfishness or submission. What do you think of that statement?
3. Pastor Jack said selfishness has manifested culturally in chauvinism and feminism. Both grow out of a "selfish desire to master" based upon Genesis 3:5-6, 16. Discuss that statement.
4. If you had to define "submission" in marriage, or any relationship, how would you do it?
5. We heard some "broad" applications of the idea of submission. Submission means:
 - Submitting to God's standards, not the culture's. Here, Pastor Jack discussed Ephesians 5:15-20 and said, "What happens to you at church has to follow you home." Talk about that.
 - Submission is specific and limited
 - Submission recognizes mutual value
6. Submission behaves in specific ways. For husbands it is about loving sacrifice, for wives it is about respect.
 - We didn't marry to give a person what they earn, we marry to give them what we promised. What does that mean to you?
 - What does respect for a husband look like?
 - What does self-sacrifice for the wife look like?