

Let's Talk Family

It Starts With Me - Part 1

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Message

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Warm-Up

1. Have you ever renovated your own house? What was that experience like?
2. Share a funny story that reveals your family's imperfection.

Know It

Read Matthew 7:3-5. What stands out to you?

1. Why do you think Jesus chose such a drastic comparison between a speck and a plank?

What does that reveal about the human tendency towards hypocrisy?

2. Why do we tend to notice small issues in others while overlooking big issues in our own lives?

Read Matthew 19:4-6. What stands out to you?

3. What is the significance of becoming "one flesh" after marriage?

Why does Jesus emphasize the importance of not separating "what God has joined together"?

4. Why do you think it is so important for a man to "leave his father and mother" before he is united with his wife?

Own It

1. Would you say that you tend to wait on others to change or are you quick to take responsibility yourself?

2. If you're married, what are some challenges and misconceptions you've experienced?

How is marriage different from what you imagined before getting married?

3. If you're not married, what are some good and godly examples of marriage that you've witnessed?

What hopes do you have for your own marriage one day?

Next Steps

1. Where in your life would you like to see change?

What is something YOU can do to bring about this transformation?

2. If you're married, what is a practical next step that you can take this week to strengthen your marriage?

Here are some examples that Scotty gave:

- Seeking God first
- Serving your spouse
- Prioritizing date nights and getaways
- Putting your spouse first and your kids second
- Scheduling intimacy
- Praying for and with your spouse
- Asking for help

3. If you're not married, what is a practical next step that you can take this week to prepare yourself for marriage?

What can you do to become the kind of person who is ready for a lifelong covenant?