



Family Matters: Real Love
Ephesians 5:25-32

Main Idea: Sacrifice, giving, making progress, valuing, and bonding for another are all characteristics of love that is defined by Jesus.

Connect: Growing up, what were you told about love? Were you given any advice on it?

Discuss

1. What from this week's message have you applied to your current family situation?
2. Do you think that a person's loyalty and participation to both marriage and the local church need constant attention? Give reasons for your answer.
3. Think of how you feel after feeding your body the wrong food for several days in a row, and how much this changes when you care for your body properly. What does the comparison to food (v29) teach us about what a healthy relationship needs?
4. Does thinking about marriage in terms of Christ's love and sacrifice for the church change your perspective on commitment?
5. What is spiritually nourishing for a marriage? Is this unique to each marriage, or are there principals that apply to all marriage?
6. How can knowing and understanding God's design for marriage help you when difficulties arise in your relationships?

Live it Out

- Do or say one thing each day this week to make someone feel loved and respected.

Other Scripture references: Genesis 2:24, I Corinthians 13