



Sermon Discussion Guide

The Household Code - Tim Knipp

11-17-24

Hook - Getting to know one another

- *How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.*
 - *Think of a moment where you remember feeling particularly loved. What contributed to you feeling that way? Why does this moment stick out to you?*
 - *What is your love language? What makes you feel most loved?*
 - *How do you like to show love towards others?*

Book - Scripture

- *Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**:*
 - *Ephesians 5:21-28 & 6:1-9*
- *What kind of feelings do these passages stir for you?*
- *What kind of feelings do you think these Scriptures evoked for the different recipients of the instructions given the cultural context? (E.g. wives, husbands, slaves, masters, children, parents)*
- *If you could ask Paul one question about these sections what would it be?*
- *How do these passages specifically connect Jesus to the various instructions given?*
- *Why do you think Ephesians 5 verse 21 comes before the verses that follow?*
 - *Who is this verse referring to?*
- *Why do you think Paul compares Christ's relationship with the Church with husbands' relationships to their wives in the Ephesians 5 passage?*
- *It would be so easy to brush off the later verses in the chapter 6 passage thinking it does not apply to us because we are not slaves or masters.*
 - *On the contrary, What can we learn from Ephesians 6:5-8 about the motives for which we should serve others?*
 - *What about verse 9? What can we learn about:*



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- *The value of people in this verse?*
- *God's relationship with people?*
- *Who people really belong to?*

Look - Connections to our world today

- *This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.*
- *Where do you see damaged relationships within families in the world today?*
- *So many things from this text seem just as relevant today as during Paul's time. What does this tell us about our need for God for our relationships? How can this text influence our household relationships and dynamics in our Hillcrest/Bellingham community? In the world? In our individual lives?*

Took - Personal Application

- *This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.*
- *How do you think God is encouraging you to participate in your relationships differently than maybe you are now? This could be big things, small things, or anything in between.*
 - *Maybe he is inviting you to view a person or relationship in a new lens? Maybe he is inviting you to change a behavior. Maybe God is inviting you to notice what he loves about a person.*
- *Is there anybody you know that loves God and loves you that could help hold you accountable in this? Possibly someone in the room?*
 - *Consider talking to this person this week and see how you could go about doing this.*

Time of Prayer