

Sunday Assembly Reflection

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REFLECTION: Jim called the church to be intentional about how we live out our marriages as disciples of Jesus. We have been given the Spirit-power we need to be faithful to one another and the hard-earned wisdom from Christian community to figure out how to get Jesus in the middle of us and redeem our brokenness.

We are not helpless! Marriage, he said, challenges us to answer the question “Who are we?” Are we mere products of blind chance, guided by our moods and feelings, or are we empowered with the resurrection power of the Lord Jesus living in and through us to be a strong witness about God’s faithfulness?

Art and I talked on the way home about Jim’s challenge to not live an “accidental life” with one another, but to be intentional about loving one another, just as much as we would initiate pursuing someone at church or at work who needs us.

While neither of us wait for the “perfect storm” of feelings or moods to hit before we act loving toward one another. We sometimes end up taking each other for granted, or we assume we know what each of us needs or wants. We had a great discussion over lunch about a few things that would make each of us feel more loved in our relationship. It was both scary and hope-filled!

QUESTIONS: Please pick one of the questions below to answer in your small groups; more if you have time. Be sure to pray for each other at the end.

1. Have you ever found yourself to be living an accidental life with your spouse or with others, waiting for your moods and feelings to line up before acting in love? How will you be more intentional about: (for marrieds) loving your spouse, or (for singles) loving someone whom God brings to mind?
2. Jim talked about the importance of finding a more mature couple to walk alongside you, who can help you better reflect the love of Jesus to others. Whether married or single, can you think of a couple you’d like to spend time with? What qualities do they live out that you want to emulate?

Pray for one another, that God will use our lives, whether we are married or single, to reflect God’s love and faithfulness to the world.

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