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DISCUSS

- From the sermon or your own experience, what are some differences between the Christian and humanistic views of the family, and why do you think these differences are significant?
- Do you feel any pressure from society to adopt a more humanistic view of family? How can you uphold the biblical perspective in your own family and community?
- Read Genesis 2:18-25. What are the complementary roles and responsibilities of men and women in a family?
- How can understanding these differences lead to healthier relationships and families?
- What are some of the responsibilities the family has in terms of provision, care, and education?
- How can your family actively work together to fulfill these responsibilities in a way that honors God?

DISCUSS CONTINUED

- Read Ephesians 5:22-6:4. How do the roles of husbands and wives in a marriage reflect the relationship between Christ and the Church?
- If married, what practical steps can you take in your marriage to better reflect this biblical model of love and leadership? If single, how can you view your relationship with others in the church as a model for the family God calls us to?
- How can parents and children work together to reflect the gospel and glorify God in their family? If your lifestage is different, how can you participate in this work as a spiritual parent and/or spiritual child in a body of believers?
- In your own family, what changes do you need to make to create an atmosphere of love and respect that points others to Christ?

PRAYER

- Pray for God's guidance and wisdom as we seek to walk out God's plan for the family in our own lives.
- Pray for strength and unity in our families as we strive to reflect the gospel in our relationships and interactions with one another.
- Ask God to protect and bless our families, and to help us navigate the societal challenges and ideologies that may negatively impact us.

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