

Tik-Tology

Leader Conversation Guide – Tik-Tology: Part VII

Main Idea

This week Pastor Curt concluded our Tik-Tology series, in which we are revealing culture's attempt to reshape theology. PC opened this week up with the question 'Why do some marriages work, while others don't?' and then shared the 3 stages of marriage and the 3 choices we need to make in marriage. The 3 stages of marriage: 1) Honeymoon. When you believe you married Mr. or Mrs. Perfect. Never arguing, always looking your best. You may notice a few things, but you never say them. 2) Disillusionment. The grind of life starts to set in. You go from all the things you have in common, to all the things that are different. If you're not careful, you start to turn the grinder of life towards your spouse. 3) Commitment. When you recognize this is a lifelong commitment. Even though He joins us together, there are still imperfections. There is a sanctity in marriage. Call greatness out of each other. In spite of all of the imperfections, the sanctity of marriage covers each other. Marriage: fully known; fully accepted.

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."

1 Peter 4:8 NIV

Make it Practical: 3 Choices we need to make in marriage.

- **I choose to act, not react.** Read 1 Cor. 13:4-5. Patient and Kind are pre-meditated decisions. Act a proper way, don't react. Jealousy, boasting, and rudeness are re-actions. They escalate a situation. Choose to act in kindness and love.
- **I choose to give you what you need, instead of what you deserve.** Read Eph. 4:2, 5:25, 5:33; John 15:13, 1 Cor. 13:7. You are married to a human. At some point they will wrong you, and they will irritate you. A great marriage is two imperfect people, loving each other perfectly. Great marriages hinge on *being* the right person. Ephesians 5 tells us what your spouse needs. Love your wife as Christ loves the church. The key to a woman's heart is sacrifice. The key to a man's heart is praise. Speak to his potential.
- **I choose to talk it out, not walk out.** Read Pro. 15:1; 13:17. Work on establishing open communication with each other. ("This is a need that I have, what can I do, how can I be better at being your spouse? etc.") Sometimes when we do talk, we do it the wrong way. How you communicate is just as important as what you communicate. Get to a place where walking out is not an option. Love never gives up, never loses faith, and endures through every circumstance.

Talk About It

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- How has culture shaped your idea of marriage?
- Read Ephesians 5:25. Talk about what you think it should look like to live this out.

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1 Corinthians 13:7 NLT

Prayer

Father, thank You for always showing us unconditional and extravagant love. Align our hearts with Yours so we can love others the way You love us. Holy Spirit, help us to be faithful in always pursuing godly relationships. In Jesus' name, amen.

Leader Tip

Invite Group Members to our Good Friday Night of Worship – April 7th at 7:00p at the Greenfield location.