



the Counter Cultural Marriage

Persevering In Marriage

MAIN THING

Just Don't Quit.

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Romans 8:1-2

ICEBREAKER

What's one thing in your life that you've quit that you regretted?

OPENING THOUGHT

Life moves in chapters. Many people think that their current chapter is the way that life will be from now on. That can be discouraging and cause people to quit. However, many times, people quit on the "5 yard line" when they are about to win or about to enter a new chapter where things are very different. Persevering is essential, not just to marriage, but to life in general. Most successful people would tell you that the main reason for whatever success they've had in life is that they simply stayed in the game one second longer than the things opposing them did.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. Have you ever found yourself in a hopeless situation, where you didn't see a way out? What was your reaction to that? What did you do? Did God show you a way out or encourage you to keep going?
3. Rob said that your worth is found solely in Christ, not in our situations. Many people get their life value from their success at work or marriage or school or whatever- how do we change that to finding our worth in Christ? How does finding our value in Christ keep us persevering long after we've wanted to quit?

LIFE APPLICATION

The sermon ended with a challenge to "Just Don't Quit." Is there anything in your life right now where you are just about to throw in the towel? Read James 1:2-4. What does this Scripture say about your current situation? What might God be developing within you right now?

CHALLENGE

Rob shared about the struggle with fertility and the problems that caused in marriage. How can we as group be supportive in those situations? Many couples or people don't feel comfortable sharing these things because of concerns about judgment or gossip or something similar. Are we, as a group, a safe place to share those things, and are we as a group the kind of people who can be counted on in those situations?