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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



Order of Worship May 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

We Listen to the Word

Prayer

Sermon Series: Belongers Sermon: "Walk Like a Belonger"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life/Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen







For a complete list of ongoing ministries and upcoming events, please visit <u>tablelifechurch.org</u>.

Doggy Bag-

Some questions to chew on:



- Have you ever found yourself doing things, resorting to behaviors, or spending time in places you no longer belong and are not healthy for you? Why do you think you were drawn back there?
- 2. Do you often find yourself assuming somebody else is the problem rather than yourself? Why is it important to recognize that none of us are immune to sin?
- 3. Have you ever had a "But God" moment? How does knowing the grace, mercy, and love of God change how you see and respond to others? To yourself?
- 4. How might God use your struggles, sin, and scars to help someone else? Why do we need to remember where we came from but choose not to live there?
- 5. Why is it important to recognize that we don't do good works to earn salvation from God but rather we do them in response to his gift of grace we have already received?
- 6. What resonated with you the most from this message and scripture? How is God speaking to you?

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org or call 717-774-6444

Belongers "Walk Like a Belonger" Pastor Kris Beckert

The Book of Ephesians:

| • | First 3 chapters remind us who we are when we belong to |
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| • | Last 3 chapters tell us how we are different and how to |

Ephesians 5:1-2 Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Walking like a Belonger:

| 1. | Stay | out of | |
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Ephesians 5:3-7 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. ⁴ Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. ⁵ For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷ Therefore do not be partners with them.

- In Paul's day, people were obsessed with sex
- v.3 "not even a hint"—

- v.6 "let no one deceive you"—
- v.3 & 5 "greed"— pleonexia —
- v.6 "God's wrath comes"—

2. Listen to the right _____

Ephesians 5:13-20 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." ¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- v.14 quotes _____
- v.19-20 what you put in is what _____

3. Walk with _____

Ephesians 5:21-30 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. ²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or

wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body.

• As in the rest of the letter, Paul is driving home the idea of _____ v.21-33 is known as a Greco-Roman Household Code • Paul does not seek to overturn the code but rather _____ from within • v.21 sets the stage for all relationships • It was counter-cultural for him to say that husbands and wives belong to the same _____ Headship here is not about leadership but about • Husband's role model is not to come from powerful culture but rather from _____, who crucified his advantage for others Big Idea: _____