



Take It Home

*Applying the Preached Word
Marriage and the Mercy of God
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Session 5*

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Text: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Title: Bright Hope for Tomorrow

Key Idea: The Gospel has made a way for us to relate to one another in marriage according to mercy.

Main Points:

A minister of mercy:

1. Is controlled by the love of Christ
2. No longer views their spouse according to the flesh
3. Desires to be an ambassador instead of adversary

Questions for Application:

1. What controls my response and interaction with my spouse? Do I choose love or selfishness? Are there functional gospel constraints controlling me (i.e. Philippians 4:8)?
2. Take time to meditate on Christ's love. How does His love for me inform the way I act? How is God calling me to grow?
3. What are the radiant areas of my spouse's life? How does this help me to view them according to their new nature?
4. How can I grow in embracing my call to be an advocate rather than an adversary? What is one way that I can reach for God on behalf of my spouse?