

## **Why it's Often Easier to Live Out the Gospel in Your Ministry than in Your Marriage**

How to lead in ministry and meet the needs of others is often a clearer and less exhausting path than being a good spouse and parent. Why can it be so much easier to be the person your ministry expects you to be than the one your spouse expects you to be? Gospel transformation is common to the lives of all believers. This session will aim to identify the barriers that sometimes keep us from living as our transformed selves at home to the same degree we do in our ministries.

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### **I. Introduction: Marriage: what did we sign up for? (1 Cor. 7:28-35)**

### **II. The Ministry Reality**

- a. The best version of you – it's all good.
- b. Lies that the best version of you may tell you.
- c. A real, but incomplete picture.
- d. Are you blessing your family with the ministry version of yourself when you head home?

### **III. The Marriage Reality**

- a. All of you – the good, the bad, and the ugly.
- b. The impact of the complete you.
- c. Feeling unappreciated.
- d. Seeing your spouse as the helper God intended. (Gen 2:18)

### **IV. Marriage as a Training Ground for Ministry**

- a. True Love: Shaping the good, the bad, and the ugly. (Eph 5:22-33)

- b. The beauty of imperfection.
- c. Meeting another's needs through sacrifice. (1 Pet 3:7)

**V. Understanding our mission in marriage.**

- a. The cord of three strands. (Ecc 4:12)
- b. Making home a welcoming place for your best.

**Recommended Reading:**

*The Meaning of Marriage*, Tim Keller

*The DNA of Relationships*, Gary Smalley

*What your Husband isn't Telling You*, David Murrow