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Ministry Update:

In an academic environment a regular year is broken down into semesters within an academic year. We are only part way through that academic year having completed the Fall, Winter and Spring semesters. We thought we would give you an update so far this year (August-April).

We have had an opportunity to serve 33 married couples (66 people) with various needs. Six of those couples have been mentoring relationships. These couples have come to have an older couple walk with them for a season (2 Tim. 2:2, Tit 2:1-8). These couples we often meet with a couple times per month, and often for their entire time at Southern Seminary (up to 5 years). All of these couples are planning to serve in churches around the world. One couple was kind to say this about our times together:

Description of the care they received:

We were able to biblically address some areas in our marriage where there were some "hang-ups." Because we never received premarital counseling, it was as though we were able to retrospectively look at areas where we learned things the hard way, and how we can presently apply the Scriptures to areas where we hadn't learned to biblically battle for our marriage.

We came in with very little formulated expectations - other than it being biblical and addressing areas in which we knew we were struggling. And so, yes, it met our expectations and helped us out.

Further comments:

We were blessed by Tom and Robyn! And we are thankful for their biblical counsel and hope to maintain our friendship with them.

The remaining 27 couples came in to see us for specific concerns they were facing in their marriage. These couples are struggling. We often meet with these couples anywhere from 4 to 12 weeks depending on the issue. Other times we might meet for a year or more. Here is what one of these couples stated about our ministry with them:

Reason for their visit:

We had a more difficult first year + of marriage than anticipated. We did not have super involved premarital counseling and have struggled with trusting one another and communicating with one another.

Description of the care they received:

We were continually pointed to Christ. We were gently, yet firmly, rebuked for areas in which we were in sin. Ultimately, we were pointed to love Christ and each other more.

Family Update

A typical week for the Scott family starts with Sunday and enjoying church at Immanuel Baptist Church downtown Louisville. We truly love our church and our vision of 'building a community from all cultures where Christ is King.' We have grown in our understanding of Christ through faithful teaching from the bible. This is what moves us to continue to serve the body of Christ through our ministry on the campus of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Tom works on campus Mondays working to study the Scriptures and prepare for 30+ hours of discipleship counsel and mentoring that will happen in each week. Robyn makes sure our girls have what they need as they study their school work at home. We then open our home for some of the couples we mentor on a regular basis. Most of these couples have children that our girls help share the joy of caring for on Monday evenings. We typically have one family over at a time Monday evenings in order to specifically come alongside their particular situation.

Tuesdays and Thursdays Robyn will join Tom on campus to meet with as many single men, single women and couples as possible. Tuesdays Brooklyn, Kylie, and Jadyn all attend classes at the homeschooling co-op throughout the day. Tom and Robyn will stay into the evening one of these days to serve those who not only attend classes at Southern but who also work full-time during the day. We have worked diligently to keep our evenings limited to two per week for Southern students. The other of these evenings will be designated as date night where Tom or Robyn gets one of the girls one-on-one. These have become some of our most precious times, especially as Brooklyn approaches her high school graduation next year.

Wednesdays Tom is on campus again meeting with single men or couples throughout the entire business day. The routine at home is mixed with homeschooling at the house and other co-op classes. Wednesday evenings are dedicated to our small group from Immanuel. Tom leads the group and we often host our group. These are sweet times to discuss the sermon we heard the Sunday before, pray for one another, challenge one another to share the gospel regularly, and to enjoy fellowship together.

Fridays brings mix of possibilities as Tom is on campus with some flexibility to meet with single men and couples as well as to complete bible study and preparation with hopes of God's Word being the central resource for all we discuss with those we meeting with. Friday evenings are most often family pizza and movie night. However, three Fridays a semester Tom and Robyn teach on marriage for a group of couples on campus.

Saturdays are a wildcard. They maybe all onboard at home with chores or they might be off somewhere biking or with another family or friends. Brooklyn and Kylie work throughout the week and often on Saturdays at a Chick-fil-a near our home.

As Summer approaches some of this will change with some trips for ministry as well as for recreation. The girls swim on a team in the city which gets us all out side to enjoy exercise and the weather. I hope this gives you a glimpse of a typical week for our family. Thank you for partnering with us as you do. Without you we would not be able to serve this seminary community.

April 29th Jadyn turned 12. At age 12, Robyn has taken each of the girls on a Passport 2 Purity trip. Below is what Jadyn had to say about her time with Mom.

"Hi my name is Jadyn Scott.

This month I went on my passport to purity with my mom. We went to Saint Louis and had a great time. We did different things around town. One of the things I really enjoyed was my mom taking time out of her week to take me and teach me about womanhood and what is to come as I grow up. Another thing I liked was seeing my mom not worried about how the house looked or what she could and could not do through the day. Seeing her not being frustrated during the day and how relaxed she was made me feel special."

