

FOR BETTER OR WORSE

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OLIVE BRANCH CAMPUS

TALK IT OVER

KEY SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:21-33

Genesis 2:24

SERMON POINTS

- 1) Husbands Love Your Wives
- 2) Wives Respect Your Husbands
- 3) Submit to One Another

START TALKING. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Does the word submit have a positive or negative connotation in your mind? Why or why not?

START THINKING. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- As you reflect on Sunday's message, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?

START SHARING. Choose a question to create openness.

- *Read Ephesians 5:25-30*
- Husbands should love their wives. How does Jesus' example of love (agape) give us a clearer picture of love?
- *Read Ephesians 5:21 & 33*
- The word for reverence and respect is the same root word. This word is where we get the word phobia. What are you afraid of? What is a healthy view of fear/reverence/honor/respect of God? Of a spouse?
- This passage of scripture serves as an authority for marriage. What is the difference between the world's approach to marriage and the Bible's approach?

START PRAYING. Be bold and pray with power.

- If you are married, pray with and for your spouse. If you are not married, pray that marriages will be strengthened in our church and community.

START DOING. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Husbands, rate yourself on a scale of one to ten on how well you are submissive to the needs of your wife. Make a list of things you ought to improve.
- Wives, rate yourself on a scale of one to ten on how well you are submissive to the authority of your husband. Make a list of things you ought to improve.
- Believers, rate yourself on a scale of one to ten on how well you are submissive to the authority of Jesus Christ. Make a list of things you ought to improve. Ask your husband to forgive you for your failure in that/those area(s) and commit to him and the Lord to do better.