FOR BETTER OR WORSE - SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 THE UPS: BECOMING ONE SOUTHAVEN CAMPUS

TALK IT OVER

START TALKING. Find a conversation starter for your group.

Describe the best marriage you have ever seen.

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

• Why do you think so many people view marriage in such a negative way, and how did this message affect the way you think about marriage?

START SHARING. Choose a question to create openness.

- Read Ephesians 5:29-32. What does it mean for two people to become one? How should the fact of oneness affect the way that you treat your spouse?
- Read Ephesians 5:21-28. According to this passage, what is the purpose of marriage? Do you see how the roles in marriage help to support the mission of marriage that Pastor Rick talked about?
- How does a wife's submission to her husband make her more like Jesus? Talk about what submission is, and what it is not, for a godly wife.
- What does it mean for a husband to be a servant-leader to his wife? How does this describe how Christ loved the church?

START PRAYING. Be bold and pray with power.

 Ask God to increase you and your spouse's experience of oneness in your marriage by helping you to fulfill your role in a Christ-like manner. Be specific about where this is difficult for you!

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

• This week, ask your spouse how he/she would like for you to pray for him/ her, and then pray for one another!



KEY SCRIPTURE Ephesians 5:21-33

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