



THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

INTRODUCTION:

In what ways has our culture tried to redefine marriage?

TAKE A LOOK AT THE BOOK:

Read 1 Peter 3:1-7

Pastor Jeremy said marriage is a “Gospel issue”, how is that true?

Why does our culture cringe at the word submission?

What does submission mean here? What does it not mean? (Leader: keep them focused on the phrase “your own husbands”). What does it look like when women submit to “all men” in our culture?

What does it mean to live with your wife in an understanding way? (Leader: examples to keep you on track: Know what she needs, how does she receive love, what are her pressures, how is she spiritually, etc)

What does the text say are the ramifications for men who don’t honor and understand their wives? (Leader: hindered prayers, it damages your relationship with God)

Read Ephesians 5:25-33

Why would not loving and honoring your wife damage your relationship with God? (Leader: because your relationship is based on the picture of Christ and his bride the church)

TAKE IT HOME:

Groups, you may have a mixture of any of these people in your group, so use the application questions as you need to based on the demographic of your group.

Single Groups:

If you are single how can you begin to think rightly about marriage? Is there anything you need to process more or get a better understanding of? Discuss

Why would the topic of marriage be important to you as a single? Is it important even if God has called to you a life of singleness? Why, why not?

Dating/Engaged Couples:

Are you modeling the roles of marriage in your relationship?

Are you able to stay sexually pure in your relationship right now, how can the guys/gals in your group help keep you accountable?

Married Groups: (Might be best to split into gender groups, but it's up to you)

Wives:

Are there areas in your marriage that you are unwilling to submit to the leadership of your husband? Why?

What are ways you can try to encourage your husband this week?

How can we help keep each other accountable?

Husbands:

What are ways you show honor to your wives? What are ways you can improve on this?

What are ways your wife receives love? If you can't answer this question, come back next time ready to answer it with the men in your group!

Are you staying sexually pure in your marriage relationship? How can the guys in this group help keep you accountable?