

5-8-22 Facilitator - Husbands, Wives & Grace, Ephesians 5:21-33, Brown Peterson

1. **Launchers:** What is a person, place, chore, or experience you revere so much that it changes your behavior?

2. **Worship God by Looking to Jesus – Read Hebrews 12:1-3**

List the chores and love assignments that are difficult for you, the ones you complain about the most. Look to Jesus. Ask for help. Cry out to Him. Be thankful for the circumstances. Praise God for the gut wrenching experiences that reveal our weakness and create our dependence.

3. **Sermon Reflection: Husbands, Wives & Grace, Ephesians 5:21-33**

The Submissive Savior

- Describe the extent of Jesus' submission to His Father for YOUR SAKE
- How does Jesus' acts of submission cause you to revere Him?
- What scares you about His submission? How does reverence for Jesus create a desire for you to submit?

Our rebellion

- How is rebellion the opposite of submission?
- Who are you bullying into submission? Is it working?
- How does your sin and rebellion against God cause you to rebel against others and others to rebel against you?

Learning to love submission out of Reverence for Christ

- Do you love submission?
- Why does submission make sense?
- What makes submission beautiful and a unique display of God's Glory?

4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer:** YOU CAN PRAY WITH US...

1. Praise the LORD for His heavenly love that He has revealed Himself as a Husband to all who repent and believe. Worship Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that He loves us passionately and faithfully!
2. How have you given yourself to false hopes and how has it bred pride or fear in your life? Ask Jesus to forgive you, and to husband you with His love and power.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for how He understands the stakes of our sin (*life and death, for eternity*) and commits! Thank Him that He leaves and cleaves, putting *everything* else aside in order to come to our rescue and take us to Himself as His own!
4. Who do you know that is married? Pray for them, and all the marriages you're closest to. And who do you know that is unmarried? Pray for them, asking the Lord to be their security, and to grow their joy in His Presence and love.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love, joy, and patience. Pray for His fullness in your life to empower you to love well, whether you are married now or not, because of His eternal promise to take you as His.

5. **Mission Statement: Develop Your Mission Statement.**

Spend some time alone with the Lord this week asking Him to put you on mission and give you a mission statement. Write. Share. Get input. Improve it. Keep it simple, memorable, actionable and measurable.

- What is your Personal Missions Statement (PMS)?
- What is your Family Mission Statement (FMS)?
- What is your Church Mission Statement (CMS)?
- What is your Business Mission Statement (BMS)?
- Do they line up? Are they congruent? What needs to change?