

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of March 27-March 2, 2022

“BECOMING THE HUSBAND GOD WANTS YOU TO BE”

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

If you were asked to give a one-sentence answer to the question, “What is love?” what would you say?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Ephesians 5:22-33.

1. From the text, how is Christ’s headship of the church an example to the husband (5:23)? How are husbands commanded to love their wives (5:25)? How does the bond between Christ and the church illustrate the love of a husband for his wife (5:32)?
2. How is the responsibility of the husband as head over the wife important? What happens when there is no clearly appointed head? Have you ever seen the results of a marriage without a clear agreement as to who’s in charge? On the other hand, have you seen this abused? Describe.
3. Do you believe that obedience to God’s Word will result in a good marriage, and that disobedience results in bad marriages? In your own thoughts, describe a healthy marriage relationship?
4. The sermon mentioned that many people who walk into marriage, enter the relationship WITH THE GOAL of what they want to get out of the marriage rather than what they can give to it. With an honest answer, share what are/were your goals in marriage? What are/were the things you wanted out of it?
5. (For singles) Based on Ephesians 5, how can a single man or woman begin to train himself/herself for marriage? List at least three things.

6. (For the husband/men.) “Christ died for the church he loved. It’s an unconditional love. It’s also a sacrificial love. It’s a love that gives. It’s unselfish.” Why would this be an essential part of a husband’s role? What are ways you can express love to your spouse the way Jesus did?

7. (For the wives/women.) Some say that the husband is the head, but the wife is the neck who turns the head. What are your thoughts about this statement? What is the difference between the Bible’s approach and the world’s approach?

8. NEXT STEPS

Being happily married is not about finding the right person but about being the right person.

- For the husbands: I will lead utterly, love my wife unconditionally and sacrificially, and follow the Biblical mandate in my married life.
- For the wives: I will consistently and genuinely submit and respect my husband.
- For the singles: I will prepare to be the right person God wants me to be.
- I will pray for the married couples who have strayed from God’s pattern.

Don’t forget to:

- Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God’s Word.
- Commit 30 minutes a day for God’s intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- (For the married) Pray for a stronger marriage in the Lord.
- (For the single) Pray for stronger marriage for the beloved Christian couples close to you.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.

March 28	2 Timothy 1:1-7
March 29	Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
March 30	Mark 10:1-9
March 31	Mark 10:35-45
April 1	Romans 12:9-13
April 2	Luke 6:32-38
April 3	John 13:13-20