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WELCOME:
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Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:
Ask each GG member to share the things come to their mind when they hear the word “wife”. Why do they associate those things together?

WORSHIP:
Adoring
Our God

Suggested songs:

- The Church’s
One Foundation

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will develop a lifestyle of humble submission to fellow believers.
2. GG members will understand the biblical role of wives in a marriage relationship.
3. Married female GG members will respectfully submit to their husbands.

INTRODUCTION

In the preceding portion of this passage, Paul talked about being filled with the Holy Spirit and how this affects believers. One of the results of being filled with the Holy Spirit is that believers are able to submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Paul gave several concrete examples of this submission in different contexts: between husband and wife, parents and children, masters and servants. In this lesson, we'll study how wives are to submit to their husbands.

Believers filled with the Holy Spirit submit to one another (v. 21)

1. What is the reason why believers submit to one another?
2. What does it mean to submit to another person? (cf. Philippians 2:3-4)

APPLICATION

Children

1. What do you understand of the word “submit”? Can you share what you understand about this word?
2. “Submit” can mean to listen, respect and accept or follow. How can we submit to your parents? Can you share some examples that show you are submitting to your parents?

Youth

1. What are some of the reasons that make the idea of “submission” hard to follow in today’s culture?
2. What is one instance where you found it difficult to submit to someone (e.g. – a parent, a class leader, a teacher, etc.)?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Adults

1. Who are the fellow believers whom you are submitting to?
2. What factors make it either easier or harder for you to submit to them? Should these factors affect your submission?

Community

What impact do believers have on their immediate communities (family, neighborhood, school, work, etc.) when they humbly submit to one another?

World

What makes submission counter-cultural in our day and age?

Believing wives should submit to their husbands (vv. 22-25,33)

1. How are wives to submit to their husbands? How do you understand the phrase “as to the Lord”? (cf. Colossians 3:18)
2. How did Paul compare the relationship between husband and wife with the relationship between Christ and the church? List down the different parallels between the two relationships.
3. Are there any qualifications or conditions for a wife to be submissive to her husband? (cf. 1 Peter 3:1)
4. In conclusion, how did Paul describe how wives are to treat their husbands?

APPLICATION

Children

1. How can we help our parents to be more listening and accepting of each other? Can you share some of your ideas on how you can help?
2. Why is it important to pray for our parents to be more accepting of each other and be able to respect and listen to each other?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Youth

1. Is there a married couple you know that excellently demonstrates the submission Paul is talking about in this passage? What are some of the things they do to accomplish this?
2. How can our generation of future wives and husbands practice submission and respect now?

Adults

1. What are some misconceptions about wives submitting to husbands?
2. Why do you think some wives would find it difficult to submit to their husbands? What are some exceptions where wives are not required to submit to their husbands?

Community

What are different ways Christian couples can minister to couples in their community who face difficulties in their marriage?

World

How can married Christian couples whose relationships mirror what is written in this passage affect how the world see marriage and its common misconceptions?

PRAYER ITEM

Pray for the marriage relationships of those who are married in your GG. Pray that those who are contemplating marriage be prepared to enter into that relationship. Pray for the preservation of the marital union as God designed it to be.



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