

## What Happy Couples Know

It's Mutual  
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Notes

## Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

How would you define a great marriage? What do you think creating a great marriage, or having a great relationship with someone, requires of each person?

Have you ever been in a relationship in which the other person felt you owed them something? If so, what happened to that relationship?

### **1. Read *Philippians 2:5-7*.**

Great marriages (relationships) aren't based on a division of labor, but are a submission competition. How do you see this principle reflected in the attitude of Jesus, as Paul describes Him in these verses?

It's easy to slip into 'division of labor' routines with our spouse, neglecting to express gratitude or actively looking for ways to serve. How have you seen that happen in your marriage or other relationships?

### **2. Read *John 13:34*.**

What are some practical ways that spouses can love each other the way Christ has loved them? Do you think this is easier or harder to do in a marriage relationship? Why or why not?

### **3. Read *Ephesians 5:22 and 25*.**

Do you think this advice to wives and husbands is realistic? Why or why not?

What can you do this week to begin to treat your spouse and/or others in your life, as though he or she owes you nothing?

### **Read *Ephesians 5:21*.**

How can you live out this verse with the 'one anothers' in your life this week?