



Discussion Guide

"A Manly Picture"

Week of 5/13/2012

The Point: If You *Really* Want to Honor Women, Give Godliness, Not Just Gifts!

Ephesians 5:25-33

Discussion Questions

Remember to be intentional with the c3 discipleship process each month

- What are two things that stood out to you from this week's Point? (they can be silly, serious, stupid, or spiritual)
- Tell a funny or memorable story about your wedding or a wedding that you attended.
- Have the moms in the room share what are the two hardest things about being a mom...
- What can we learn about Christ's love for us from Ephesians 5:25-33?
- Why do you think, out of all of the "good things" that he could have listed, did God inspire Paul to write "love wives as Christ loved..."?
- How does 1 Cor. 16:13-14 change our understanding of "manliness"?
- Often times our culture either sends out the message that men are superior to women, or just the opposite. How does Gal. 3:28 shed light on the truth? With that in mind, how does 1 Peter 3:7 take it a step further?
- Men answer, then women: What does treasuring your wife look like?
- When it comes to Christ's bride (the church), He sacrificed, worked, and cared for us. Husbands are to do the same. Review the following, and then have the men in the group share where they feel they need the most improvement: Prioritizing, Planning, Praying, Being a Servant, Being Vulnerable, or Being a Treasure-er?

Thinking Outside the Box

Since planning is an important part of a healthy relationship. Take some time with your group to plan something for the couples—whether it's a babysitting exchange, or a group date, or...

Bible References

Ephesians 5:25-33(NIV) ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—³⁰ for we are members of his body.³¹ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband..

1 Corinthians 16:13-14(ESV) ¹³ Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. ¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love.

Galatians 3:28(NIV) ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 3:7(NLT) ⁷In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.