

MARRIAGEWORKS



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The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- At mc3, God Moments are a chance for us to *be intentional* about noticing what God is doing in our lives—try to use your week to notice these moments to share in Pr'me. Go around your group and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past few months?
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).

**someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

*****Watch *The Crazy Cycle* video Session 2: Her Needs – Unconditional Love AND Session 3: His Needs – Unconditional Respect, before continuing with the following questions based on that video.*****

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the video

- Have you ever wound up on the Crazy Cycle despite your heart being in the right place? How did everything end up going so much worse than you intended? How could it have been avoided?
- When your good intentions are misinterpreted by your spouse and the Crazy Cycle gets ready to start spinning, what makes it so hard to say something like, "I'm sorry. That was not my intent. Will you forgive me for having done something that felt so unloving to you"?
- Why doesn't it work to use unholy means/methods to achieve a worthy end? Even if the budget issue (or whatever) is resolved after a bit of scolding, what other damage has been done in the relationship?
- Emerson said that the reason God specifically commands men to love their wives in Ephesians 5 is because men do not react lovingly by default when angry. Do you agree or disagree? Explain why.
- Explain what is wrong about the argument that says, "He knows I love him. Shouldn't he feel respected already?"
- Why would a husband feel disrespected by the well-intentioned action of his wife buying him three marriage books to read, with specific passages highlighted for him to take notice of?
- In the moment, why can it seem to make sense for a wife to send a message of disrespect to her husband in order to motivate him to be more loving? How does this end up making things worse?
- Think of a past conflict you have had in your marriage. How could you have approached your husband more respectfully and better achieved the loving response you were hoping for?
- Over the course of the next week, pick out at least one way your spouse made you feel loved or respected and share that with him or her. Close by praying this for your Pr'me.

The References

Main Passage: Ephesians 5:21-33 (NIV)

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

