

Servant Leadership in Marriage

Getting Started

1. There will be people who wonder if a Bible Study on marriage could be relevant to them, because they are not married. Why is this a topic for all Christians to study and think about carefully.
2. This is a topic that is often considered to be very controversial. Why do you think that might be?

Going Deeper

Read Ephesians 5:22-33

1. When we come to consider the instruction to wives to submit, why is it important that the instruction is specifically directed to wives?
2. Would there be any Biblical reasons why a wife might not obey her Husband?
3. How would you answer someone who says that the instructions in passages such as this and Colossians 3:18 are simply descriptions of the culture at the time and not instructions for us to keep today?
4. In what ways might someone mis-interpret the instruction to submit and potentially add unbiblical expectations or practices to this?
5. How might you seek to encourage a friend who is struggling with submission to her husband?

Read Matthew 20:25-28

6. How should the headship a Christian husband exercises differ from that of unbelievers according to Matthew 2:25 and Ephesians 5:25?
7. In what practical ways might a husband be called to sacrificial leadership in everyday life?
8. How might you encourage a man who is struggling in living as a servant leader?

Question to take away:

Christ gave everything for us (His bride) how can I in my life better live in submission and obedience to our loving saviour?