

THE STRUCTURE OF MARRIAGE

YOU. ME. WE. – PART 5 – LIFEGROUP QUESTIONS

START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- You can find some on page 6 [here](#).
- What are some ways men and women are different? (Don't fret that 1% of women like to hunt with a bow and arrow and skin the animal with a butter knife!)

SCRIPTURES

Ephesians 5:23 (NIV)

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.

Ephesians 5:31 (NIV)

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- What can you no longer hide from your spouse since you are married? If single, what will you no longer be able to hide if you were married? Go deep and wide with this question.
- How do our culture's gender stereotypes hinder accepting what is true about the different genders and their core strengths?
- What have you believed about yourself that was not true? Has your spouse influenced your self image?

START SHARING. CHOOSE QUESTIONS THAT CREATE OPENNESS.

- When have you felt closest to your spouse? Oneness. If single, when have you felt closest to another person?
- What dangers may there be in talking about the different roles of men and women in today's culture?
- Also, what positives could there be in talking about this?
 - Some may want to go deeper, lay out unique scenarios, etc. (i.e. does this mean unconditional obedience to this man!)
 - Encourage general discussion on this topic this week, and wait for next message to discuss in detail.
- How can spouses be equal, but not equivalent in roles?
- What was your initial response when Pastor Mark talked about "the femininity of Jesus?"

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Father, remind me who you made me to be, and to resist how culture wants to redefine me. Help me to focus on your statements about me, and if you've given me a loving spouse, what they have to say about me as well. May I always look to you for my completion for every lack I face. Amen.

START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- At school, home, or work, when someone praises you, resist the urge to shrug it off. Instead, receive it. Allow others you trust, including your spouse, to reprogram your self image.