

THE ROLES OF MARRIAGE

YOU. ME. WE. – PART 6 – LIFEGROUP QUESTIONS

START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- You can find some on page 6 [here](#).
- What is the best marriage you have ever known? Why did you choose that marriage?

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.

- One of the points in the message was that: "Men see themselves maturing as they separate, becoming independent; and Women see themselves maturing as they attach, becoming interdependent."
 - How have you seen this occur in your life, and the lives around you? If not, feel free to say so.
- How was your view of the wife as the "helper" changed by listening to the message?
- Discuss sin's influence on the male's gift of independence (tendency to become tyranny) and the female's gift of interdependence (tendency to become dependency). Re read the curse accounts in Genesis 3 for more detail.

START SHARING. CHOOSE QUESTIONS THAT CREATE OPENNESS.

- What do you find to be the most challenging part of your gender's role in a marriage?
- What do you think would be the most challenging part of your opposite gender's role in a marriage?
- The message stated that the "husband can only earn, never demand headship" and the "wife can only submit freely, never forcibly." How has our secular culture, and our religious culture, distorted the view of the husband as the head of a marriage?

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Jesus, thank you for modeling sacrificial leadership and sacrificial submission. Help me trust that your plan, and your roles for me, in marriage and elsewhere, are what you think is best for who you want me to be. Amen.

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

- When an opportunity comes up this week to submit to someone, that doesn't involve sinning, take it.