



# VALLEY REAL LIFE

## Ephesians - Relationships Part 2

### **Last Week**

Was there anything eye opening about last week's sermon on submission in marriage?

### **Opener**

When you were a kid, what was a house rule in your family that you thought was unfair or funny, but now you have a better understanding of why it existed?

### **Questions**

Are there times or areas you find submission easy or difficult? If you were to evaluate it, what is it that makes it either easy or difficult?

Can you think of a time when your response to authority (good or bad) reflected Christ to someone else?

What are some practical ways you can honor your parents, regardless of your age or circumstances?

What are some ways parents or mentors can pursue their child's heart instead of just their behavior?

What's one specific area (home, work, or another relationship), where you need to surrender to Jesus's leadership and practice submission?

### **Scripture Discovery:**

Have yourself, another group member, or all group members read the following Scripture out loud

Colossians 3:18-25 (NLT)

*Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly. Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged. Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything you do. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. Serve them sincerely because of your reverent fear of the Lord. Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. But if you do what is wrong, you will be paid back for the wrong you have done. For God has no favorites.*

- What does this passage tell us about God?
- What does this passage tell us about people?
- How do you need to apply this passage to your life?
- And who are you going to tell?

Pray