



VALLEY REAL LIFE

Ephesians – Godly Relationship Pt. 1

Last Week

Did you get the chance to “live in the light” this past week? Were you more vulnerable with anyone specific?

Opener

What did your parents teach you about respecting others?

Questions

Why is it important to ground our identity in Christ before attempting to submit to others?

Discuss a time when you found it difficult to submit to someone. How did your faith influence your response?

How can misunderstanding the concept of submission lead to unhealthy relationships? What are some biblical guidelines to prevent this?

What role does mutual submission play in building a strong and godly marriage? How can both partners contribute to this dynamic?

Reflect on the idea of "submission out of reverence for Christ." How does this perspective change the way you approach your relationships?

Scripture Discovery:

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

Ephesians 5:21-27 (NLT)

21 And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. 22 For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. 23 For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. 24 As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything. 25 For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her 26 to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. 27 He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. 28 In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself.

- 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