

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of February 24, 2013

This Week's Focus: Just as the gospel calls us to submit to governing authorities and our employers, the gospel also calls wives to submit to their husbands and calls husbands to honor their wives.

“Submission is one equal voluntarily placing themselves under another equal that God may therefore be glorified.” **Adrian Rodgers**

Eve was not taken out of Adam's head to top him, neither out of his feet to be trampled on by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected by him, and near his heart to be loved by him.

Matthew Henry

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. **Ephesians 5:22-27**

This Week's Text: 1 Peter 3:1-7

Related Texts: Ephesians 5:22-33, Colossians 3:18-25

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What has God spoken to you about regarding the sermon?
- Our text begins with the phrase “likewise”. What does that phrase point back to?
- “Actions speak louder than words” is a common phrase. How is that evident in verse 1?
- In what ways is the idea of submission contrary to today's culture? How has society distorted submission?

- What kind of man is referred to in 1 Peter 3:1? How are they to “be won”? Reference 1 Timothy 2:8-11.
- Being submissive does not mean being inferior, having less value or losing one's identity. A tremendous example of this is in the Holy Trinity. What was the position of Jesus the Son in comparison to God the Father? Reference John 1:1, 1:14, 5:17-18, 8:53-59, 10:24-33; Colossians 1:13-18; Hebrews 1:1-3.
- How does your behavior show the gospel to your unbelieving husband (family, friends, neighbors, etc.)?
- What is the difference between internal and external adorning? Which do you spend more time adorning?
- How important is “a gentle and quiet spirit” to God? What does a “gentle and quiet spirit” look like?
- Husbands: Where do you need to grow in your understanding and knowledge of your wife?
- What does it look like for a husband to show honor to his wife?
 - Are you honoring your wife?
 - Single men: How does this principle apply to you?
- What does it mean that the woman is a “weaker vessel”?
- Husbands: How does looking at your wives as co-heirs change how you treat them?
- How does your attitude and behavior affect your prayer life and ministry?
- How does the relationship between husbands and wives reveal their relationship with Christ?

Gospel Celebration:

- In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus our great God and Savior submitted to the Father’s will knowing the physical, emotional and spiritual suffering that was before Him, for you! Reference Luke 22:39-46, Matt 27:27-46.
- Jesus purchased the Church (you and me) with his own life in order to present us blameless before Him. Reference Ephesians 5:25-27.

Our Response:

- Trust God in the midst of submitting to others.
- Know that your value, dignity and worth are from God and the gospel.
- Repent of any way we have failed to honor and respect our spouses.

Next Week’s Text: 1 Peter 3:8-17.