

## CROSS-CENTERED MARRIAGE

Ephesians 5:22-33

### THE DESIGN

Rather than starting with man, the idea of marriage starts with God, who He is; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Our God is Trinitarian, three in one yet within the Godhead is Oneness. In marriage, a man and a woman become one flesh.

And although, husbands and wives have different roles, they are both made equal in the image and likeness of God.

Also, marriage is about what God has done. Marriage is a photocopy of the Oneness of Christ and His Church. Marriage is to reflect both the submission and headship of Christ. The husband is given the role of headship as Christ is head of the Church. And the wife is a picture of the church.

Genesis 2:18-25 // Ephesians 5:32

### SUBMITTING LIKE ....

Before we can talk about what submission is, we must define what it is not. A few things submission is not is an excuse for husbands to be domineering, manipulative, or pulling rank.

Submission uses God-given intelligence; it honors, it affirms, it respects, and it trusts. It does not count itself equal to the other, it humbles itself. Submission is a response to knowing who God is and what He's done. Submission says....Not my will, but yours be done.

**Submission is a willing act of a heart  
that belongs to God.**

-Paul Tripp

Ephesians 5:22-24 // 1 Peter 3:1-7 //  
Titus 2:5 // Proverbs 12:4 // Philippians 2:5-8

### LOVING LIKE....

Husbands find in Christ a model for initiating, unfair, one-sided sacrificial love. Each day, Husbands are to essentially model the love of Bridegroom, dying to their own selfish desires to lovingly serve their bride.

**As a husband, the Christian is to look upon the portrait of Christ Jesus,  
and he is to paint according to that copy.**

- Charles Spurgeon

Ephesians 5:25-33

## NOTES:

### Recommended Reading....

- LMC Equipping Marriage Workshop packet – Jobey & Katie McGinty
- What Did You Expect – Paul Tripp
- God, Marriage and Family – Andreas J. Kostenberger
- Date Your Wife – Justin Buzzard
- The Meaning of Marriage - Tim & Kathy Keller

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

**John 15:13**

Greater Love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Ephesians 5:22-33**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

**Philippians 2:5-8**. In marriage, Jesus is both the example for wives (submission) and husbands (love like Christ). In what ways does Jesus submit? In what ways does Jesus love the church?

### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

From the moment we wake up, we listen to ourselves more than we listen to anyone else. We are always preaching some kind of message to ourselves. Read Galatians 2:20. How does this verse and Christ's example motivate you in the role of your marriage?

### Repent and Confess

What often gets in the way of pursuing and connecting with your spouse? If you are single, what sin or idol is blocking you from pursuing Christ?

### Ask for Provision

How in this fast paced, so often busy life can husbands and wives cultivate their marriage? What do you need to ask God for?

### Your Life Mission

As wives lovingly submit to their husbands and husbands love their wives like the church God is glorified. Our kids, friends, family, neighbors all marvel at sacrificial love. How can your group be praying for you in this pursuit?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



# LIFE MISSION

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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,  
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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Ephesians 5:22-33 // March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

### SUNDAYS AT 10AM

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