

LifeGroup Study Sheet

June 2nd – Family Matters: God’s Plan Matters

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn’t understand, agree with or connect with?

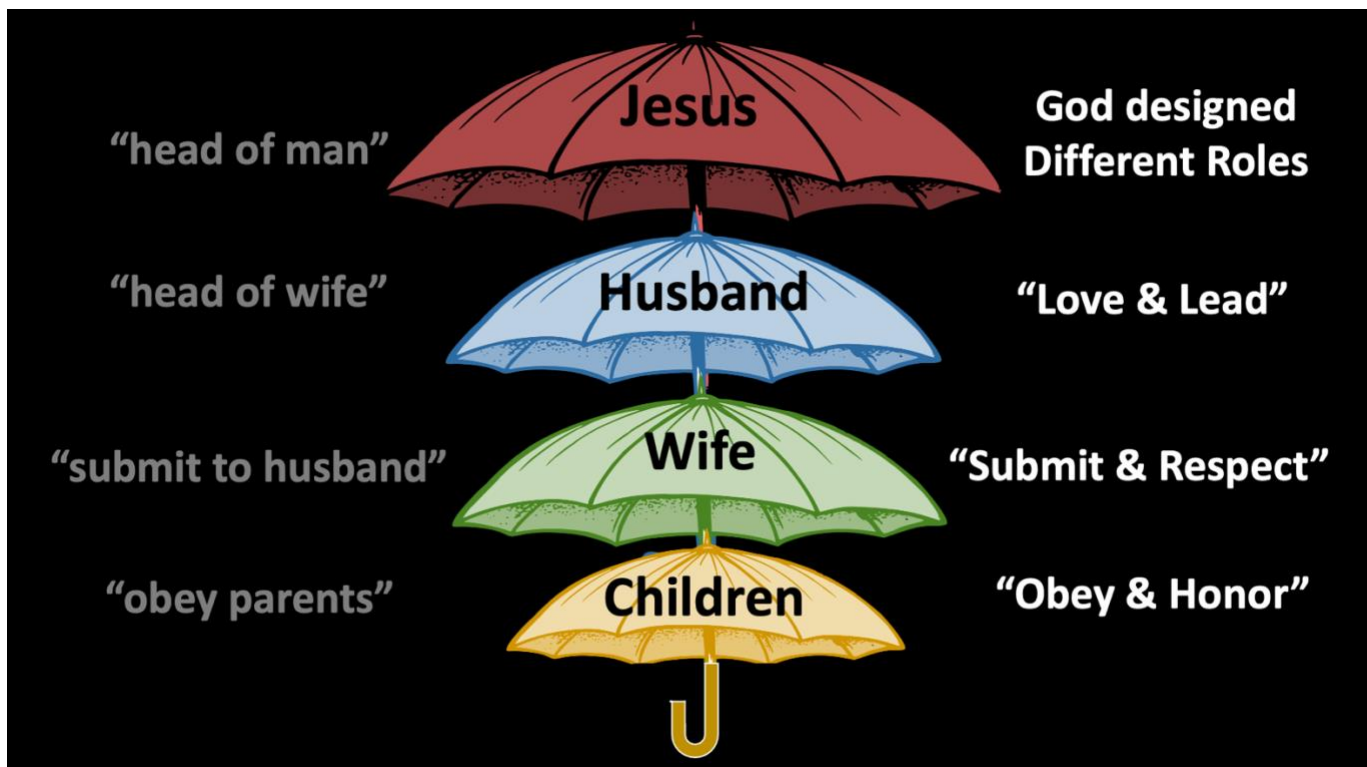
Introduction

What unwritten rules of marriage (both healthy and unhealthy) did you learn from your family growing up? How have those rules surfaced in your current relationships? How did you view marriage growing up? How has this changed?

Digging In

Question 1: Read Ephesians 5:21-33. Pastor Jeff’s first point was “God has a “design plan” for the family.” This passage show’s God’s plan for hierarchy in the family. In today’s culture, hierarchy often means level of importance or value. But in God’s design for family has nothing to do with importance or value, but rather roles.

Jesus → Husband → Wife → Children.



This shows that the family has different roles too. What about these verses are roles that are given to men? What about women? How are they different in their roles? Why do you think Paul quotes Genesis 2:24 in verse 31? What is Paul trying to illustrate? How does verse 21 set up the entire context of these passages?

What is the goal that marriage is supposed to reflect? (**Ephesians 5:32**)

Question 2: Read 1 Corinthians 11:3. This passage specifically talks about the design plan God has within the marriage relationship. Within the understanding of **Ephesians 5**, how would you explain the meaning and purpose of this passage? **Ephesians 5:25** – how does a husband submission to Christ? **Ephesians 5:22** – how does a wife show submission to Christ? **Ephesians 6:1** – How does a child should submission to Christ?

Question 3: Read Ephesians 6:1-4. The last two points Pastor Jeff made about the family was “God has a “discipline plan” for the family and “God has a “discipleship plan” for the family.” God has given a command to children to “obey and honor” their parents. Authority flows from parents down to their kids. How have you seen culture try to reshape this design for discipline? What are ways you’ve seen this design tried to be broken down within your own family?

Read Deuteronomy 6:5-9

How does this passage correlate to **Ephesians 6:4** and the discipleship plan for the family? How does v.7-9 apply to how you raise your children? How do you view yourself and your spouse as the “primary” discipler in your kid’s life?

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?