



SERVE LIKE JESUS CROSS-SHAPED SERVICE

MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 2 – FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

¹Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children ²and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

²¹Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²²Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—³⁰for we are members of his body. ³¹“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³²This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

⁴Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

– Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33; 6:1-4 (NIV)

OBSERVATIONS:

- Marriage relationships are _____ by _____

- A wife's submission to her husband is rooted in respect for his _____ to _____ their family under the _____ of _____
- A husband's love for his wife is a submission of his _____ _____ for her _____
- Marriage relationships should be a _____ of _____ seeking to _____ in _____ to one another
- Christian children should _____ and _____ their parents out of _____ to their Lord
- The _____ of Christian parents is to lead their children to the Lord with _____ and _____

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

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1. Why do we struggle with the word submission?
2. How has this word been used poorly in marriage relationships?
3. What is the foundation for a wife's submission to her husband?
4. In what way should a husband submit to his wife?
5. How should service define the marriage relationship?
6. How is this shaped by what Jesus has done on the cross?
7. What should motivate Christian children to obey and honor their parents?
8. What is the most essential task of Christian parenting?
9. How should this be carried out? How is this shaped by what Jesus has done on the cross?
10. If you are a parent, what are some ways that you can accomplish your primary task?
11. If you are not a parent, what are some ways that you can support parents you know in accomplishing this task?
12. How should cross-shaped service redefine family relationships?