#4 – The Structure of Marriage

Ephesians 5:21-33  
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*Part 6- The analogy of the body*

Foundational Principles

* Husbands and wives should both be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Equal in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, different in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What are the different functions?

* The role of the husband – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* The role of the wife - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How do you help your spouse be the most successful in their role?

Husbands – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Wives – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Growth Group Preparation Questions**

For the week of April 29, 2018

Prepare for your Growth Group discussion by taking some time to go through the following Growth Group Questions (G2Qs) and be ready to share your thoughts and answers with your group. Have a great time growing in the Word, growing in relationships and growing in serving others!

Getting to know You

1. What position is/was your favorite to play in basketball?
2. Have you ever physically brought someone into submission?

**DIGGING DEEPER**

1. Looking back at your notes for the sermon, what caught your attention, encouraged or challenged you?

1. Husbands, what is your response to your role of being the one who bears primary responsibility?
2. Wives, what is your response to your role of being the helper?
3. Look at this list of tasks and discuss how you determined in your marriage who would fulfill each task and why?

Yard work; managing finances; taking care of the car; home repair; childcare; cooking; cleaning; social calendar; solving disputes.

Do you share any tasks?

1. When do you exchange tasks with your spouse and why?

1. How can living out the biblical roles of helper and the one who bears primary responsibility bring glory to God in your home?

**TAKING IT HOME**

*Wives, how do you show respect?*

1. **Look for opportunities to show your husband honor and build him up.**
2. **Accept that you married an imperfect man.**
3. **Speak well of your husband.**
4. **Encourage your husband when he gives spiritual direction to your family.**
5. Let him choose when to discuss a difficult subject.

*Husbands, how do you show love?*

1. Give spiritual leadership.
2. Speak words of affirmation and appreciation.
3. Keep pursuing her with affection and romance.
4. Initiate intimate conversation.
5. Give stability and security.
6. Demonstrate a commitment to the family.

As a couple, talk through these lists and examine how love and respect are being shown in your marriage.

**Growth Group Prayer Requests**