**God’s Instructions To Kingdom Husbands**

Ephesians 5:25-33

**Key Truth:** Husbands one of the greatest gifts we could ever give our kids is to love their mother.

**Myth:** Love is about having sex.

**Truth:** Sex is important but it is not the most important thing in a marriage relationship to a wife. Genesis 2:24

1. Prioritize your wife – a husband is to give priority to his

 relationship with his wife above all other human

 relationships.

 A. Husbands your wife should feel like she is number

 one in your life after your relationship to God.

2. Pray for your wife – Talk to God about your wife and ask

 him for wisdom on how to best love her.

 1. Our wives should be stronger disciples of Jesus

 because of our spiritual nourishment.

3. Live in Peace with your wife – Seek to understand her

 needs and honor her as your Queen. 1 Peter 3:7

 A. Understand her love language.

 B. Honor her by valuing her opinion and relationship

 with God.

4. Pursue your wife – Dating doesn’t end with marriage it is

 just beginning.

 A. When you pursue your wife you cultivate her

 self-esteem and guard her emotions.

 B. Spend quality time with her.

 C. Dress to impress her.

**Taking it Beyond the Walls:** Pray that God would fill your marriage with new life. Love, honor and cherish your wife.

**CONNECTION GROUP HOMEWORK**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Who receives more instruction in Ephesians 5, wives or husbands? Why might this be?

What does the love husbands are called to model look like?

How might a wife respond to a husband who loves her like Jesus? How does this type of love benefit her spiritually?

How does a relationship centered on sacrificial love and submission reflect the gospel? How can you and your spouse keep these ideas as a common part of your marriage?

Husbands, what does it mean to love your wife on a daily basis without any expectation, hidden agenda, or strings attached?

How does a relationship of grace reflect the gospel? How can you and your spouse keep these ideas as a common part of your marriage?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7: How do you feel when you are treated in a “love is not” type of way? What does it communicate to you about the other person? What is your typical reaction?

Husbands when is the last time you took your wife on a date? Who initiated the date?