

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE HUSBAND'S HONOR
Making Marriage Work — WEEK 4

ICEBREAKER: What's your pick: hang glide, sky dive, bungee jump, hot air balloon, or kite?

OVERVIEW: Many marriages start out hot and quickly turn cold. Then they either go living together like roommates — sharing a house, a fridge, and a mailbox, but not sharing their hearts; or they get a divorce. But God doesn't want your marriage to grow cold. God wants your marriage to be a passionate love affair. He wants you to enjoy each other to the fullest emotionally, spiritually, and physically. In short, He wants your marriage to work. In this study we will go deeper with how the husband's honor can foster a healthy marriage.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Read Romans 12:10. To show someone honor means to treat them with great respect. Have you ever been treated disrespectfully? How did it make you feel?
3. What does it mean to outdo one another in showing honor? Do you need to grow in honoring others? Explain.
4. Read 1 Peter 1:7. In light of the status of women in the first century, how are Peter's instructions to husbands surprising?
5. After reading Peter's instructions to husbands in 1 Peter 1:7, and Paul's instructions in Ephesians 5 for husbands to love their wives as Christ loves the church, what can we conclude about God's thoughts and feelings toward women?

6. What are the two ways that the Bible talks about honor, and which one is Peter referring to in 1 Peter 3:7? Why is this important for husbands to remember?
7. Read Ephesians 5:15-16. In the sermon we looked at five ways a husband can honor his wife. The first is to honor your wife with your time. How can a husband honor his wife with his time?
8. Read Ephesians 5:3. The second way to honor your wife is with your sexual purity? How does a husband need to live to be sexually pure?
9. What should a husband do if he thinks his sexual purity is sufficient, but his wife disagrees?
10. Read Luke 11:17. A third way to honor your wife is with your decisions. How can a husband show great respect to his wife in his decision-making?
- 11a. Read Galatians 5:13. The fourth way to honor your wife is with your service — to be a servant-leader. What are some ways that a husband can serve his wife?
- 11b. Read Ephesians 4:25-27, 29; 5:4. The fifth way to honor your wife is with your words. How can a husband honor his wife with his words?

The Last Word: Serving your wife can be boiled down to three things: Don't treat her like your servant. If she really needs or wants something, do everything you can to get it for her. If something is bothering her, fix it.