DISCUSSION GUIDE

ICEBREAKER: What do you consider your best quality?

OVERVIEW: Marriage is a good thing because it is a God thing. God created marriage for our benefit, and if you know how to make your marriage work, then marriage can be one of the greatest blessings in life. This Sunday we talked about one necessary ingredient for a healthy marriage: The wife's submission. In marriage, God calls wives to submit to their own husbands. In this discussion we will go deeper with the meaning, application, and challenges of submission in marriage.

1. **Read 1 Peter 3:1-7**. 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. Why do so many people view marriage negatively today, putting it off for as long as possible or avoiding it altogether?

3. Studies show that marriage makes people healthier, wealthier, and happier. Why do you think this is true? Why doesn't this motivate more people to get married?

4. Studies show that the divorce rate drastically drops when you factor in religion and church attendance. The national divorce rate is 50%, but for Christians who attend church weekly, the divorce rate drops down to 14%. Why do you think this is? Why doesn't this motivate people to go to church more often?

5. Read 1 Peter 3:1. Does submission imply that God views women as inferior to men? Explain.

6. How would you define what it means for a wife to be submissive to her husband?

7. Where does a wife get the strength and motivation to be submissive?

8. When should a wife not submit to her husband?

9. Since God calls wives to submit to their husbands, what kind of a man should a single Christian woman look for to be her mate?

10. Since wives are called to be submissive, how should husbands treat them?

The Last Word: "A man who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord." Proverbs 18:22 (CSB)

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