

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

*Wives, Submit*  
Colossians — Week 30

**ICEBREAKER:** If you could trade places with anyone for one week, who would you want to trade with and why?

**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 Colossians 3:18.** 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. What are some of the Biblical parameters of marriage, and how does God's definition of marriage differ from the world's?

5. 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 is it hard for a wife to submit? When should a wife not submit to her husband?
9. Since God calls wives to submit to their husbands, how should this influence the way that singles choose a mate?
10. ~~Husbands, list five ways your wife needs to be more submissive?~~ Since wives are called to be submissive, how should husbands treat them?

**The Last Word:** "For in the past, the holy women who put their hope in God also adorned themselves in this way, submitting to their own husbands" 1 Peter 3:5