

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

*WHAT'S A HUSBAND TO DO?*  
Ephesians 5:23-25  
For Better, For Worse — Week 1

**ICEBREAKER:** What nightmare woke you up in a panic?

**OVERVIEW:** Marriage should be the best thing in your life. But for marriage to work we must follow God's instructions. God has determined the roles and responsibilities of husbands and wives in marriage. When these are embraced the marriage flourishes; when these are rejected the marriage fails. In this study we will go deeper with the unique role and responsibility of husbands.

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. Were you raised in a home where a healthy marriage was exemplified? Explain.
3. How has your parent's marriage impacted your view of marriage?
4. Do you think it is important for the church to talk about marriage? Explain.
5. Read 1 Peter 3:7.
  - a. What does it mean that the wife is the "weaker partner"?
  - b. What does it mean to "live with your wife in an understanding way"?

- c. How can a husband show his wife honor?
- d. What is the warning in this verse?

6. Read Ephesians 5:23-25 and refer to the sermon.

- a. What is a husband's role in marriage?
- b. What is headship? What does headship not mean?
- c. What is a husband's responsibility in marriage?
- d. What does it mean for a husband to love his wife?

**The Last Word:** "The wife should make her husband glad to come home and let him make her sorry he leaves." Martin Luther