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**Next Week's Life Group:** More Victory  
**Next Week's Story:** Ephesians 6:10-24

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**Our Church's Definition of a Biblical Disciple of Jesus**

A person who is committed to *following, being changed by,* and *on mission* with Jesus (taken from Matthew 4:19).

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**The Purpose of Life Groups**

Life Groups are where we connect with God and with others through relationships - growing in spiritual maturity as biblical disciples of Jesus and inspiring a culture of discipleship as we do life together. Life Groups are loving, safe, and interactive places where people can be authentic and vulnerable as they explore, experience, serve, and grow in relationship with Jesus, the Word, and others. Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 3:12-13, 10:23-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

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## MADE FOR MORE

*Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church  
and gave himself up for her,*

Ephesians 5:25

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### GETTING STARTED

If you dropped everything and went on a road trip, where would you go?

What are the three most important choices you have made so far in life?

### STORY BACKGROUND

We will be looking at this section of Ephesians for two weeks. Last week we discussed the wife's role. This week's discussion will focus on the role of the husband.

Ephesians 5:17-6:9 teaches the proper Christian response of submission to one another. As a community of believers, husbands and wives, parents and children, masters and slaves all submit to each other in different ways according to their circumstances. For children and slaves, their subordination is described in terms of obedience. For husbands and wives, the Greek term used for submission describes voluntary submission to a proper authority.

Husbands should imitate the love of Christ. Paul argues that serving is more important than being in authority over others. Christ is our model. Although Jesus could demand obedience from all, He did not shrink from performing duties that were customarily the task of a servant. Jesus washed the feet of His disciples (John 13:12-16). If a husband is to be a godly leader, he is to be a servant-leader. His role is to lead his wife, but to do so by taking everything about her into consideration, and by using his position to give her the greatest opportunity to succeed.

## HARMONY



**STORY:** Ephesians 5:17-6:9 (Read aloud)

**MEMORY VERSE:** Luke 10:27

*And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."*



**HEAD LEVEL:** These questions help us to examine what the Word tells us.

- What is the definition of submission?
- Who does God call us to be submissive to?



**HEART LEVEL:** These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

- By following Christ, has your depth of love changed? Why or why not?
- In Ephesians 5:21-30, Paul describes a perfect relationship. What do you wish to duplicate in your relationships?



**HANDS LEVEL:** These questions help us commit to a next step and live it out in our everyday lives.

- What one small thing can you start tomorrow?
- Ask your spouse what would speak love to them. Keep it simple.