

Week 06 Small group

Life in the Home and the Workplace

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Warm up question

When have you found it hard to put someone else's interests before your own?

Read

Read Ephesians 5:22-6:9.

Study

1. Read out Philippians 2:5–11, and remind yourselves of Ephesians 5:21. How does Jesus' example model what it looks like to 'submit to one another'?
2. Re-read Ephesians 5:22-33. If you are married, what has been your experience of love and submission? If you are single, to what extent do you think these verses are relevant to you?
3. Think about a marriage that you consider to be an example worth emulating. What is it about that relationship that inspires you? How does it reflect the relationship between Christ and the church?
4. Re-read Ephesians 6:1-4. What are the key principles Paul is teaching here? Does there come a point when a child is no longer required to obey their parents? If so, when is it?
5. Re-read Ephesians 6:5-9. What is there in this first century instruction to slaves and masters that is relevant to our own time, culture and working environments?
6. Remind yourselves of the start of this study, and Christ's example as described in Philippians 2:5-11. Thinking about all of your relationships, where do you need the most grace to live out the principles of love and mutual submission set out in tonight's study?

Pray

Pray for each other in your work and family situations – particularly for help to live out love and mutual submission.