

7 -WEEK STUDY ON POWER

WEEK 6

“Power and Family”

Ephesians 5:21-6:4

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WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: Ephesians 5:21-6:4

Secondary texts from this week: Ephesians 4:1, Ephesians 4:29, Philippians 2:3-11

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To understand what it means for followers of Jesus to "submit to one another out of reverence for Christ"

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: Name one husband-wife team that you greatly admire and say why you admire them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some of the qualities that you think contribute to a healthy marriage/healthy family?
2. What was your initial reaction to the passages we looked at on Sunday?
3. Have someone in the group read **Philippians 2:3-4**. Do you think this is a helpful description of what it means to "submit to one another?" Why or why not?
4. Now, have someone in the group read **Philippians 2:5-11**. How does Jesus' example make it any easier to understand and embrace Paul's instructions to wives and husbands in Ephesians 5?
5. Have someone read **Ephesians 5:22-24**. The English word "submit" comes from a Greek word that means "to organize or put things in order." What implications does this have for wives?
6. Have someone in the group read **Ephesians 5:25-27**. According to this passage, what five things has Christ done for His church? What implications does that hold for husbands?
7. What are some ways that Christian families (husbands, wives, parents, children) can implement Paul's words more effectively in today's cultural context?
8. Have someone in the group read **Ephesians 4:29**. What stands out to you about that passage? What are some ways you can put it into practice this week?



PRAY

Pray for each other: Pray for opportunities to encourage others this week.

Pray for yourself: Repent for any intentional or unintentional ways you have misused your role as husband, wife, parent, child, or sibling.

Pray for your four: Identify four people who don't know Jesus (friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers/classmates), and commit to pray for them consistently. Pray that **(1)** God would reveal Jesus to them, **(2)** that God would turn their hearts towards Him, **(3)** that God would put Christians in their path to represent Christ, and **(4)** that God would give you an opportunity to share what Christ has done in your life.

ACTION STEPS

Use your words to build someone up. Identify someone to encourage, and then think of ways to use your words to build them up this week.

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