

Icebreaker

What is your favorite animal – domesticated or wild – and why?

(Just a side note, icebreaker questions aren't my strong suit, feel free to insert your own!)

Discussion Questions – Wives, submit to your husbands

1 *What was the command for husbands last week? (Love wives)*

Love – Read Ephesians 5: 21-24, 33

2 *What are Christians told to do in verse 21?*

3 *What does that mean to you? Or what are examples of that in the church today?*

4 *What are wives told to do in verses 22 and 33?*

5 *What does submission and respect look like to you?*

6 *What does it not look like?*

Read Galatians 3:28, ! Corinthians 11:3, 24

7 *How does God view nationalities, races, classes, and genders?*

8 *How does this affect your thinking of the Ephesians verses – or does it?*

9 *Since we are all one in Christ, does that make it easier to submit to each other, and why or why not? (I would look for a discussion that we are not yet perfect, which makes submission more difficult, although it is hard for us as Christians to submit to God.)*

Tim indicated that he thinks most men are insecure in leading and in relationships, which is why respect/submission is what men especially need to flourish. Here are three things a wife can do to support her husband and build him up.

Say and show “I trust you” to them.

10 *What does trust do for insecurity?*

11 *Has anyone shown trust to you in your life? How has this affected your personal growth?*

Say and show that you are in awe of them.

Read 1 Peter 3:1-2

12 *Since not all husbands are perfect :) what are things you can do to tear down your husband?*

13 *On the other hand, how can you show support and encouragement to your husband?*

Say and show “I want you”.

Read 1Corinthians 7:1-5

14 *What does Paul say about sexual relations in a marriage?*

15 *Should this area of marriage be used to control the other partner?*

Application

15 *Sorry, this application is for the gals – What can you do in the next week to show submission/respect for your spouse or boyfriend?*

As always, feel free to make this study your own. These questions are only discussion starters to help you get the conversation going.