



Part 2 - Its Mutual
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HANG OUT (warming up to the topic)

1. Check in to see how everyone's week was.
2. Did you listen to the teaching? What was most challenging? What was most encouraging?

HEAR (listening to God through Scripture)

3. What is your definition of a great marriage? What do you think creating a great marriage requires of each person in the marriage?
4. Have you ever been in a relationship in which the other person felt you owed them something? If so, what happened to that relationship?
5. Great marriages aren't built on a division of labor. Great marriages are a submission competition. How does that statement challenge your assumptions about marriage?
6. **Read John 13:34;** What are some practical ways spouses can love each other the way Christ has loved them?

HUDDLE (making it personal and praying together)

7. **Read Ephesians 5:22,25;** Do you think this advice to wives and husbands is realistic? Why or why not?
8. What can you do this week to begin to treat your spouse---or lay the groundwork for treating your future spouse---as though he or she owes you nothing? How can this group support you?
9. If your marriage is a tug of war, the thought of laying down your end of the rope first is terrifying. But remember: while you were dead in your sin, God let go of the rope. He did something for you with no guarantee that you would return the favor. Follow his lead by dropping your end of the rope in your marriage.
10. End in prayer.

