

20/20 VISION
Week 5: Family
 February 1-2, 2020



⇒ *Leaders: note items marked with the arrows are key discussion questions if you're shorter on time.*

WARM-UP

What silly trait did you pick up from a parent, grandparent, or parent figure that influences your behavior? (a saying, an action, habit, etc.)

INTRODUCTION

- ⇒ Describe what leadership qualities you observed in the parental figures in the home you grew up in, good or bad.
- ⇒ How have you changed your approach as an adult in comparison with how you grew up?
- ⇒ What is the definition of "a leader"?
- ⇒ List some of the good qualities that you think a leader should have.
- ⇒ List some of the qualities that we might think would make someone a good leader that aren't always healthy. (For example: a dominant personality.)
- ⇒ What does having leadership in the home mean?
- ⇒ What role do you think spiritual maturity plays in how the good or bad qualities of a leadership style play out in a family?

BIBLE APPLICATION

Read **Colossians 3:18–25** and **Matthew 20:25–28**

- ⇒ How is service a part of God's plan for leadership and submission in the home?
- ⇒ Why do you think God's plan for leadership in the home is not followed/not honored in today's culture and homes?
- ⇒ In what ways have these commands been misused by some people?
- ⇒ How would you explain what it means to "lord it over someone"?
- ⇒ What is the opposite of lording over others?

Read **Ephesians 5:21-33**

- ⇒ What do you think Paul intended when he wrote about submission?
- ⇒ Describe what it means to submit *to one another*.
- ⇒ What does "as to the Lord" mean in verse 22?
- ⇒ How is submission by choice more beneficial than forced submission?

⇒ How does this compare with how the church is to submit to Christ?

Read 1 Peter 3:1–2, 7

- How can a wife lead her non-believing husband to Christ by submitting to his leadership, even though he is not a believer?
- List some things **not** to do that will not likely lead a husband to want to follow Christ.
- What are some of the qualities or characteristics of a marriage that follows Christ's example of leadership?
- What do you think this passage means about women being "weaker"? (Use some footnotes and commentary if you need help).
- It says the husband and wife are "equal partners" in verse 7. What do you think this means?
- How can they be equal, yet one person is the leader?
- What questions do you perhaps still have about this kind of leadership? Discuss them with the group. Use your Bible, concordance, etc. to find out what God has to say about your questions.

NEXT STEPS / ACTION

- ⇒ What are the results that would be evident in a household under the leadership of a biblically based husband following Christ's example of leadership?
 - How about for a wife who submitted to her husband's leadership?
- ⇒ Why do you think God appointed men as the spiritual leaders of the house?
 - What would happen if there were more than one leader?
- ⇒ What things may need to be changed in your household to align it with God's will?

(If you need help in getting the leadership in your home back on track, please consider contacting our pastoral staff for coaching or with help finding a mentor.)

PRAYER

Pray for wisdom and understanding to apply the biblical model for leadership at home to your own situation. Ask God to remove pride and any barriers that keep you from mutually submitting to one another in love.

