## **DISCUSSION GUIDE**



Welcome: What was your high and low from this previous week?

Worship: Open with your favorite Worship song or Psalm.

Word: Read Ephesians 5:21-24.

- What stood out to you most from the sermon/Scriptures this week?
- Why do you think it is important to "submit to one another"? Why is it so difficult to submit to one another?
- Why do you think God gives people authority (limited) in relationship to one another?
- What happens when we use legitimate authority for illegitimate purposes (i.e. for ourselves instead of others we are called to lead)? What happens when we fail to recognize and submit to legitimate authority?
- Why do you think Paul emphasized for wives to submit to their <u>own</u> husbands?
- Discuss what "oneness" in the context of marriage looks like. How does understanding "oneness" help remove the fear of being debased or demeaned out of submission?
- How should wives respond to their husbands if they are abusive or negligent in their marriage relationship?
- What is your personal "takeaway" from this sermon (whether you are single or married)?

Witness: Close by praying for all the marriages in our church-existing now and in the future.