



# SMALL GROUPS

*Life alone isn't living. We SHARE community.*

**Beautiful Design**

**Week 6 – Series in Review**

**When God created Adam, what two tasks did He give him? (Genesis 2:15)**

Men were created for work prior to the fall. The highest work men are called to is the headship of their homes. This is tending the garden where God placed you.

**Read Ephesians 5:22-33. Headship is demonstrated through...**

- 1. Sacrificial Love**
- 2. Setting of Spiritual Direction in Your Home**

**How does the Bible define these two concepts in the verses we just read in Ephesians?**

“Sacrificial love doesn’t push, it leads.”

**Husbands – How can you lead your family or wife without pushing them?**

**Wives – How do you feel when your husband endeavors to lead your family spiritually? Are your responses to his efforts encouraging or otherwise?**

“Although there’s something in most of us that rises up when we encounter a fake, if we are totally honest, many men are faking it (concerning spirituality). However, most men are not faking it to deceive; they’re faking it to conceal. They are afraid to be true and honest. They are afraid if they let people in, then they’ll be found out to be less than they portray themselves to be, so the fear of not measuring up drives the man’s heart to pretend he’s got it together.”\*

**Men, have you ever been in this situation? Explain.\***

**Women, have you seen the man you love the most go through a time like this?\***

Sometimes we all think we can fool God, that we can fake Him out with our right words and right actions. But God is not fooled.\*

**Read Hebrews 4:13. Say this verse back again in your own words.**

**Does understanding that there is nothing in your heart or thoughts that God does not see help free you from the pressure of looking like you have it all together? How so?**

The task that God has called men to is nearly impossible and cannot be placed on anyone else. Whether they realize it or not, men are setting the spiritual direction of their homes. The good news is that God sees. He does not expect men to be perfect or know exactly what they are doing.

**“God will use and empower your desires and imperfect attempts for your family’s spiritual wellbeing.”**

**Read Zechariah 4:6. What is the clear message here from the Lord?\***

“We must all realize that it is only through the power of the Holy Spirit that we will be the man or the woman that God wants us to be.”\*

**How does that same power extend into the areas of widowhood, single motherhood?**

**Looking ahead to womanhood, read Genesis 2:18-25.**

**What is the purpose of the woman?**

Notice that everything in Genesis 1 and 2 has a corresponding companion outside of God. **God is the only one who doesn’t need something to complete Him.** However, God redeems singleness.

**Read 1 Corinthians 7:32-35. List several benefits and opportunities that come with singleness.**

**“The God of the universe designed us, wired us, shaped us, and has presented us into His beautiful design as needed and necessary for human flourishing.”**

\*Taken from, “a beautiful design,” by Matt Chandler