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Section: Doctrine of Man (Anthropology)

Roles in Marriage (Q30 &31)

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Q31. Is man or woman more important than the other?**

No. Men and women are equal in dignity and value; both are created in the image of God.

1. Have you ever held the belief that Men and Woman are not equal in dignity and value but that one is more important than the other? If so, how has did this affect your view of yourself and/or of marriage?

**Read: Genesis 1:26-27**

2. Why is it important that we believe that all human beings are valuable, as they are made in the image of God?

3. Why is it important that we see that human beings are above the rest of creation in their value and dominion?

**Read: Galatians 3:28 & James 2:1**

4. Why is it important that we “show no partiality” to men or women when it comes to their worth as a human being and belonging in the body of Christ?

**Q30. What roles did God ordain for men and women within the family?**

God has ordained the role of the husband to lovingly lead his wife and family. God has ordained the role of the wife to joyfully submit to her husband’s leadership as his helper.

**Read: Ephesians 5:22-33**

5. Why is it important that we embrace the God-given metaphor of the husband being likened to Christ and the wife being likened to the church?

**Role of the Husband**

Pastor said, **“*Headship*** is the divine calling of a husband to take primary responsibility for Christ-like, servant leadership, protection, and provision in the home.”

**Men’s Group:**

6. Which of the four kinds of protection and provision are you doing well? In which do you need to work better?

7. In what ways can you grow in your Christ-like, servant leadership? Do you see how you are desperate for Christ to do this well?

8. What are some of the ways you have been tempted to abuse or set aside your responsibility to be a servant leader in your home? What lie are you believing, or what truth are you failing to believe, when you give in to those temptations?

**Role of the Wife**

Pastor said,**“*Submission*** is the divine calling of a wife to honor and affirm her husband’s leadership and help carry it through, according to her gifts.

**Woman’s Group:**

**Look again at Proverbs 31:10-31**

8. Which of these are you doing well? In which do you need to work better?

9. Why is it important to put away the world’s view of submission and to embrace the God-ordained view of submission? How is Christ in you a help for doing this well?

10. What are some of the ways you have been tempted to abuse or set aside your responsibility to be a loving, submissive helper to your husband? What lie are you believing, or what truth are you failing to believe, when you give in to those temptations?