



Marriage On The Rocks - Part 3 - The Husbands' Call

BREAKING THE ICE:

- How does today's society view the main role of a husband in a marriage?

GO TO THE SOURCE: Read Colossians 3:19; 1 Peter 3:7 ESV

DIG A LITTLE DEEPER:

Love Your Wife

- Ask different members of your small group to read the following verses: Colossians 3:19; Ephesians 5:25; Romans 5:8; John 15:13 . According to Paul, what is a husband's main responsibility towards his wife?
- Read Ephesians 5:25; 1 John 3:18. What do you think is the biggest challenge for most men when it comes to loving their wife? Is your love for your wife based on her performance?

- What is the difference between Eros love and Agape love? Which is the type of love that God desires husbands to love their wives with?

Sacrifice For Your Wife

- Read John 13:1-17; Philippians 2:7. What does it mean for a husband to love his wife as Christ loves His Church?
- Read 1 John 3:18. In what ways are husbands called to sacrifice their personal comforts to meet the needs of their wives?
- Read 1 Timothy 5:8. What is another way in which a husband can serve and sacrifice for his wife?
- When do you think a husband's sacrificial love for his wife would be most evident: when things are going well or during times of difficulty? What should be our main focus during difficult times?

Be Tender Toward Your Wife

Read 1 Peter 3:7 and answer the following questions:

- How is the Christian husband to view his wife?
- What command is given here to husbands? How can husbands follow this command?
- Assign the reading of these verses to several members of your group: Isaiah 59:1-2; Psalm 66:18-20; Hebrews 4:16. What warning does Peter give to Christian husbands if they fail to heed his admonition for them to live with their wives in a Christ-like manner?
- Read Ephesians 4:31-32; James 3:11-14. How can a husband guard himself from being "harsh with" (NIV) or "embittered against" (NASB) his wife?

MAKE IT COUNT:

- What does it look like for a husband to be tender toward his wife today?
Husbands what can you do this week to show your wife that you love her?