

## Leader Guide

\*Take a few minutes to have icebreakers and share time (5-10 minutes max)

### Icebreakers Ideas

-Favorite Vacation?

-How would you describe your driving style? (i.e., Speed limit, 5mph over, Traffic signs are just suggestions!).

-Better BBQ Food – Hamburgers or Bratwurst – and support your answer!

### Week 1 – Colossians 3:18-21

\*Take 2-5 minutes to read the scripture passage and give a brief summary of some of the highlights/topics covered during this week's sermon. Keep it basic (although if you get a sense that a number of people from the group have not yet heard the sermon – a longer summary may be useful here), this is an opportunity to jog people's memories and get them prepared to share as we get into the questions.

*<sup>18</sup> Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. <sup>19</sup> Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. <sup>20</sup> Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.*

\*Review Questions (these are good starting points for initiating the conversation, leaders are encouraged to review the sermon and add some of their own thoughts and/or questions to the mix as well).

1. What are some of the major takeaways from the sermon for you this week?
2. What did you learn about the word 'submit'? How does this impact your understanding of the relationship of wives and husbands? Are there other areas of life where you see that submission should be offered?
3. What are some practical ways husbands can show love to their wives?
4. Discuss the statement, "obedience is not simply compliance, but should reflect a change in the heart". What are some ways to tell if heart change is taking place in children? What are some ways to help encourage such heart change?
5. There will be times when the other person in a relationship is not upholding their "end of the bargain", how can we approach these situations?

\*Remember, no one should ever hear prolonged silence after making a comment, as the leader try to make sure that each person receives some form of acknowledgement after sharing something.

\*The task of the leader is facilitating conversation, not teaching the sermon all over again.

\*At 7:20pm, it may be useful to offer a recap – possibly highlighting a few powerful thoughts or statements that came from your discussion

\*Close with prayer – decide ahead of time what prayer format you may want to use, be ready as the leader to lead the prayer if others are reluctant to prayer publicly. Prayer is powerful and it should be a significant component of these small group sessions!