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Your group matters.

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*What was the most disastrous (and memorable) camping trip you have ever experienced?*

1. How has the “myth” that women instinctively know how to love their husbands the way God intended affected your marriage or someone else's you know, and how could you work towards correcting that myth?
2. When talking about communication, Pastor Tom said that wives need to be careful not to be overly critical of their husbands for not being “feminine enough.” In your marriage, how do you and your spouse communicate differently and how can you affirm his/her communication style without expecting that it mirror your own? For you singles, how do you see styles differ between men and women, and how have you navigated those differences?
3. Pastor Tom said that God’s call for a woman to “submit to her husband as to the Lord” does not mean that she should treat her husband like her Lord, but instead means that a woman ought to submit to her husband as an act of submission to God, who created and ordered the family. How does this make it easier, whether married or single, to choose submission even when you may disagree or think you have a better idea? See [Ephesians 5:21-24](#).
4. Read [Ephesians 5:33](#) in several translations. In what practical and specific ways can you better “cherish/prize/treasure/respect” your husband this week? For those not married, what practical and specific ways do you see, or have you seen, for wives and husbands to cherish one another?
5. Pastor Tom said that "Marriage is not a 50/50 compromise, but a 100%/100% sacrifice," just like Jesus, the “head” of the Church sacrificed Himself for her. For those who are married, how can each of you practice Christ-like sacrifice with your spouse, both this week and as a regular practice? As a single person, how has sacrifice been a part of your relationships?

*Day One:* [Psalm 34](#)

*Day Two:* [Proverbs 3](#)

*Day Three:* [Judges 10](#)

*Day Four:* [Isaiah 34](#)

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*This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.*

## PERSONAL GUIDE



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