

GENESIS

begin. belong. believe.

Just for him...

(part III of the 'I Do' series – 2/19/12)

Discussion question for your entire Community Group

1. We understand and embrace the need for leadership, authority structures, and clearly defined roles within our culture {*government, military, education, entertainment, etc.*}, so why is it so difficult to embrace the need for clearly defined roles within marriage? Consider the marriage you witnessed growing up, how did 'roles' work out in your home and how did that influence your understanding of 'roles' within the marriage relationship?

For the single women...

2. Do you know who you are waiting for? Meaning, do have in mind today the characteristics of the man that you long to see in a future husband? Take some time to list out the 'non-negotiable' characteristics that you need to see in a man before you would say 'I Do'. After sharing that list with the women in your Community Group, spend some time praying that God would be working those characteristics into your future husband.

For the married women...

3. What are some ways in which you could be coming alongside your husband now in order to encourage him towards being the 'godly husband' that God has called him to be? Take some time to 'list' out ways in which you are thankful for your husband. After sharing that list with the women in your Community Group, spend some time praying for your husband, specifically praying that he would grow and mature into the man God has called him to be.

For the single men...

4. What kind of man do you really want to be? Take some time to 'list' out the characteristics of the type of man that you desire to be. Share that list with the men in your Community Group. Identify things happening in your life now (attitudes, behaviors, etc.) that would be hindering you from being the man that God desires you to be and share those with the men in your Community Group.

For the married men...

5. God has entrusted into your care and keeping one of His daughters. This should not only humble you to the core, but it should serve as a reminder of the awesome responsibility you have as a husband. Spiritual leadership {headship} is not easy, but it is the role that God has given to you. Please think through the following and share with the men in your Community Group –
 - Where are you currently leading your marriage? Think 'A' & 'B' – where are you today, and where is God leading you to lead your marriage tomorrow?
 - What are some practical ways in which you can begin to 'sacrificially' –
 - serve your wife
 - protect your wife (spiritually, emotionally, physically, relationally)?
 - provide for your wife (spiritually, emotionally, physically, relationally)?
 - Is there anything that you need to repent of today so that your marriage will be the marriage that God desires you to have tomorrow?
 - Where are you with Jesus? Your relationship with Jesus is the most important gift you can give your wife, so what are some ways in which you can continue to grow in cultivating the most important relationship within your marriage?

Scriptures that highlight the roles & responsibilities of husbands:

[Ephesians 5:25-33](#); [Colossians 3:19](#); [1 Peter 3:7](#)