



**SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM VIDEO:** [HTTPS://VIMEO.COM/644923273](https://vimeo.com/644923273)

### **Main Idea**

The role of the husband in the marriage is to love their wife like Jesus—with sacrificial love and protective leadership.

### **Starter**

What do you most enjoy about the Fall season? Do you have a favorite Thanksgiving tradition you are looking forward to?

If your group is co-ed, this would be another good week to break up into male and females for the discussion to create a safe place to share and engage God's Word on the topic of the husband's role in marriage.

### **Discuss**

Follow up on your group from last week. What is an opportunity God has given you to grow in your faith since we met last week?

### **Read**

Read [Ephesians 5:24-32](#) and discuss:

- What role does God call the husband to play in marriage?
- In your own words, what does it mean to love someone like Jesus in marriage? If you are married, share a time you did this well or...not so well.
- If you are a husband, what do you do to lead your wife spiritually? What questions do you have about how to do that better?
- What is a lie or temptation you tend to fall into about love rather than loving others like Jesus?
- Whether you are married or single, what is a truth about God or yourself you need to embrace more fully in this season of your life?

*Before you close, make sure to remind your group of the Gospel and that Jesus' love never gives up on us. No matter how big of a mess our marriage or singleness currently is, Jesus gave His life sacrificially to show you His love and wants to lead you forward to protect you and give you a more abundant life.*

### **Apply**

Have your group take a moment to pause and be silent to listen to the Holy Spirit.

- If you are married, what is a step you can take to love your spouse more like Jesus?
- If you are single, what is a step you could take to depend on Jesus and show those close to you His love?

Have everyone share the step they believe God wants them to take in 30 seconds or less and then spend time praying for each other.

\* If anyone wants to dig deeper on God's design for marriage, you can share additional resources [here](#).