



SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM VIDEO: [HTTPS://VIMEO.COM/647602151/C41B589F93](https://vimeo.com/647602151/C41B589F93)

Main Idea

The role of the wife in marriage is to love her husband like Jesus—through courageous and attractive submission.

Starter

This Thanksgiving, what food are you most looking forward to eating?

Discuss

Discuss how your group can utilize the Hope for Christmas initiatives to share the love of Jesus with others this year. Make sure your group knows about:

- [Toy Store](#) - make Christmas special for those in need
- [Bingo Game](#) - share it with your family, small group, or a friend
- [Night of Wonder Christmas concert](#) - A special night of worship for our Hope family
- [Christmas services](#) - In-person or on-line services to share with a friend

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 engage God's Word on the topic of the role of wives in marriage.

Read

Read [1 Peter 3:1-6](#) and [Ephesians 5:21-33](#) discuss:

- What do these passages say about the role God has designed wives to play in marriage?
- How does Jesus' life show us courageous and attractive submission to God? In your own words, how does God's design for marriage give us a picture of the Gospel?
- What does it mean to submit to someone in love? What is a way you think you could do that better in your life?

Before you close, make sure to remind your group that Jesus took the lead in courageously submitting Himself to the cross to show us God's love. No matter how big of a mess your life or marriage is, the first step to thriving is submitting your heart to Jesus and His love for you. As you trust in His power, you will find the grace and strength to follow the Spirit in courageously loving your spouse and those in authority in your life.

Apply

Take a moment to pause and pray about one step of courageous and attractive submission you could take in your marriage or relationships. Spend some time praying for each of the married and single people in the group by name.

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

*Don't forget to share the [Christmas Bingo game](#) with your group.