

## **LIFE GROUP STUDY- Dr. Harley Ihm**

### **“Living a Life of Respect as a Married Man”**

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**Icebreaker:** Name a married man that you believe is worthy of respect? What makes them worthy in your eyes?

A married man has an incredible opportunity to affect the lives of children, other parents, friends, his wife, and co-workers watching. What does it take to live a life worthy of respect if you are a married man?

#### **An Encounter with the Word of God**

1. Read Ephesians 5:25-27. Husbands are to love their wives JUST AS, or JUST LIKE, Christ loved the church. Love, AGAPE, meant sacrificially giving their lives for them. There was no church until Jesus gave His life and died to create her. What does this tell you about your role in marriage as a godly husband?
  
2. On a scale of 1 (poorly) to 100 (excellent), rate your current quality of AGAPE love toward your wife.
  
3. How does Paul describe Jesus' method of making the church holy?
  
4. How can a husband obey this Scripture and make his wife beautiful and pure and radiant?
  
5. Describe what you are doing to cleanse the life of the person you love, to make them radiant.
  
6. Read Ephesians 5:28-33. How does God describe someone who does NOT AGAPE love his wife?
  
7. What passage about marriage does Paul quote when referring to the role of marriage in a man and woman's life and what is the idea he is presenting?
  
8. In what ways do you see yourself fulfilling God's role as a husband? In what ways do you need to make a greater effort? (For the women) Name at least one way you see your husband loving you like Christ loved the church.