

LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK:

DIGGING DEEPER (CONT.)

3. Read **1 Peter 5:1-6**, thinking about relationships in the context of the local church. How does the foundational command to “humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God” relate to mutual submission?

What differences would we see in relationships if we regularly approached others with an attitude of humility and submission?

TAKING IT HOME

1. Which relationship(s) of yours need(s) new biblical and healthy approaches?

2. Identify one person and consider: what step will you take to resolve/restore/strengthen that relationship – and how can your Life Group offer you accountability?

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

Series: “Satisfied” – *fully filling your relational needs*

Message #3: “Life is always better when it’s lived together”

Speaker: Pastor Mark Brunott

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NOTES:

Ephesians 5:21-25, 6:1, 5-6

“Submit”

“Obey”

“Slaves”

“Mutual submission”

Action step from today's sermon:

Think about a relationship in your life (friend, spouse, co-worker, family member, etc.) with which you need to improve your relational health. This week, pray for God to help you take the next step toward that end and then take that step.

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QUICK REVIEW

1. Pastor Mark discussed some biblical words which are often “hot buttons” for us: terms like **submit**, **obey** and **slave**. Why do these words cause defensive reactions/emotions?
2. Respond to the idea Mark raised: “If we will just submit to each other as we submit to Christ, all will be well in our relationships. There will be Shalom. That is, ‘peace, health, prosperity.’”

MY STORY

1. Growing up, which relationships with “authority figures” were difficult for you? Explain.

Which ones were positive? Why?

2. What habits of relating did you learn from your family of origin?

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1. Read **Ephesians 4:17-34**. Identify ways God equips and empowers Christians to relate in new ways.

Which commands in the passage are most needed in Christian relationships?

What concrete applications can you see from verse 29?

2. Consider **Matthew 5:3-12** together. For what radically different relational attitudes and responses in Christ-followers does Jesus call? Why are they counter to how we normally think, act and respond?