

# Life Group Leader's Guide

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For the week of February 4th, 2018

## Quick Review

What was impactful for you from Pastor Mark's message on Colossians 3:18-19?

## My Story

In his message, Pastor Mark mentioned every relationship has a tone, and each person brings the tone they grew up with into their current relationships. Share two or three words to describe the home in which you grew up.

## Digging Deeper

How would you define Biblical submission?

Biblical submission is the act of yielding or surrendering. Our example is Jesus, Who yielded Himself to God's purposes for His life.

Philippians 2:6-8 reminds us Jesus "made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death—even death of a cross!"

What is it not? Holman's Bible Commentary says submission is "not subservience, but voluntary subordination". Biblical submission is not weakness or inferiority, as Mark mentioned in his sermon.

Read Romans 13:1-5; Ephesians 5:21; I Peter 2:13-21.

1. What are some other relationships in which God commands believers to submit? As believers, we are commanded by God to submit ourselves to governing authorities, one another and our "masters" (employers).
2. Which of these relationships is the most difficult for you to submit and why do you think that is? In our current political climate, some may find it challenging to submit to governing authorities. Optional question: How might a focus on God's sovereignty equip/empower you to better submit to political leaders you may disagree with?

One of the homework writers mentioned they neglected to set their alarm and so woke up an hour late for their day. Because of that, they were unable to spend quality time with the Lord before jumping into their day. They mentioned the rest of their day just seemed "off".

3. How does our relationship with the Lord govern our relationships with others and vice versa?

## **Taking it Home**

Read Genesis 3:1-19.

What happened when Adam and Eve failed to submit their hearts to God's purposes? How can failure to submit to God's purposes for our lives affect our relationships?

What happens when we try to resolve relational difficulties on our own without God?

What does or could Ephesians 5:21 look like, practically speaking, in your home? In our Life Group? In our church?

Leaders, Pastor Mark mentioned a Genogram in his message. For further study, a link to a Genogram description and template has been provided.