

 **LIFE Group Discussion Questions for September 3/4, 2016**

**GUIDELINES:** LIFE Group Discussion Questions are meant to be a tool used to help guide your time together. You may or may not fit all areas and questions into your time. Additional resources such as the LIFE Group Video Question can be found each week at: [www.crossroadschurch.com/Ministries](http://www.crossroadschurch.com/Ministries) under ‘LIFE Group Resources’.

**Enjoy your time and let God lead you!**

**KICKING IT OFF:** Now that we are going to have a new local pro football team “The LA Rams” will you root for them?

**MEMORY VERSE***: “*Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary”. *Galatians 6:9* (NASB)

**GROUP DISCUSSION:** *LIFE Group Video Question – Visit* [*www.crossroadschurch.com/ministries*](http://www.crossroadschurch.com/ministries) *under the LIFE Group Resources Tab to access the Video and Video Group Question.*

**SUGGESTION: Suggestion for this week’s LIFE Group Study, we suggest the men to subgroup and the women to subgroup and then come back together and share some positive learnings from each group?**

**GOING DEEPER:**

**Women Only:**

1. Describe the roles in your home as husband and as wife? Read Ephesians 5:21-24.
2. Have you ever held a position of leadership and not been given the authority to make the decisions needed to fulfill that role? How did that make you feel? How does this relate to your role in the home?
3. Put the following activities in sequence based on how much time you focus on each one: God, Spouse, Job, Kids, Church, Sports, Hobbies, Social Media. Explain the rational of your sequence.
4. Is it your desire to have your husband be the spiritual leader of your household? What steps have you taken to help him achieve this role? If you haven’t taken any steps in that direction what is holding you back?
5. What unrealistic unmet expectations have you placed on you husband without telling him that are hindering his spiritual leadership in the home? Are the unmet, unvoiced and unrealistic expectations a void that only God can fill? Where can your expectations be adjusted?
6. Share a time when you responded in hast to a heated conversation with your spouse. Read Ecclesiastes 5:2. Psalm 103:8, James 1:19-20. Now share a time when you responded in line with these scriptures. How did your husband respond differently?
7. What do you expect your husband to forgive you for that you have not forgiven your husband for? Read Ephesians 4:32.
8. Ephesians 5:33. Should your actions be contingent on your spouse’s actions? How can you break the cycle of saying “If he would love me than I would respect him”?

**Men Only:**

1. Describe the roles in your home as husband and as wife? Read Ephesians 5:21-24.
2. Have you ever held a position of leadership and not been given the authority to make the decisions needed to fulfill that role? How did that make you feel? How does this relate to your role in the home?
3. Put the following activities in sequence based on how much time you focus on each one: God, Spouse, Job, Kids, Church, Sports, Hobbies and Social Media. Explain the rational of your sequence.
4. Read Ephesians 5:25-26. What are we as husbands being asked to do? Be specific.
5. What does it mean to you to lead your family well? Read Ephesians 6:4, Ephesians 5:28-29, Deuteronomy 6:6-7. After reading these passages, in what areas do you need to grow in?
6. Ephesians 5:33. Should your actions be contingent on your spouse’s actions? How can you break the cycle of saying “If she would respect me than I would love him”?
7. In refers to Galatians 3:8 and 1 Peter 3:7. How should a husband relate to his wife?

***Love Like Jesus Loves***

* How are you modeling Christ like love of others to your children? How are you including them in the process?

***Intentional Intimacy***

* Do you have time with God built into your daily family schedule? What does this look like in your home? How is your personal time with God visible to your children? How can you encourage them to follow in your example and be in the Word daily?

***Fully Surrendered***

* What is the tone in your home in regards to the surrender of your time, talent and treasure?

 ***Experience More***

* Have a discussion in your household about where each of you would like to go for a mission trip with Crossroads. Spend time talking about what it would look like for you to actually take the trip together as a family.