



November 16 – 17
Lesson 9

Submit to One Another

This Discussion Guide should be used the week following the sermon it supplements, but members can still interact even if they missed the sermon. To use this guide in your Community Group, try to work through the questions on your own before you meet. You might not get to all of the questions, and that's okay. If your Community Group does not meet one week, walk through the guide on your own so that you can stay in sync with the series.

MAIN TEXT: Ephesians 5:21;
Philippians 2:1-11

SUMMARY: To continue our “One Another” series on how to be the church with one another and not just do church, we will look into why it is important to submit to one another, and what does “submit” even mean.

Just a reminder, while the “one another” passages do encourage us to move inward in community with one another, it doesn't happen without moving upward toward God, and it always moves us outward to the lost around us!

GETTING STARTED

Watch the video together with the corresponding guide and answer the following question below:

1. Why is submission viewed as a negative term in today's culture?

DISCUSSING THE WORD

1. Read Ephesians 5:21, 1 Peter 5:5, Hebrews 13:17, Ephesians 6:1, Romans 13:17. What is the biblical principle of submission when it comes to these type of relationships?
2. Why is it important for those in positions of authority to have a submissive attitude? When we do this, how is this following Christ's example as explained in Philippians 2:1-11?
3. What makes it hard to submit to one another?
4. How does the cross show that submitting can be one of the most powerful things in the world to influence another?
5. What is significant about Ephesians 5:21 saying to submit to one another “out of reverence for Christ”?

RESPONDING TO GOD

1. What attitudes or thoughts get in the way of us submitting to others?
2. How can submission show up in your relationships?
3. How does Christ's example of submission challenge you?

OTHER THOUGHTS

Think through various relationships in your life. How can submission change that relationship?

BEING MISSIONALLY-ENGAGED WITH YOUR GROUP

Below is the Moving Outward that was shared previously. Use some time at the end to discuss any details needed to move forward, and spend some time praying for these unsaved friends.

1. Have each person think of 2 unsaved friends. Write them down on a piece of paper and commit to pray for their salvation.
2. Go around the room and share with your group the 2 unsaved friends that you wrote down.
3. Decide as a group which unsaved friend you would all like to pursue with either one of the following 3 things:
 - a. **Is there a need? Then fill it.** (*Ex. Yardwork is difficult for a single mom.*)
 - b. **Is there a hurt? Then heal it.** (*Ex. A neighbor's spouse passed away and you make meals for the neighbor for a week*)
 - c. **Is there a common interest? Then do it.** (*Ex. A friend likes board games, so you get together for a game night!*)
4. Start planning the details together as a group and just focus on 1 or 2 unsaved people at a time. Let them see your love that you have as a group and the love Jesus has for them!