

## TAKING IT HOME

1. Reflecting on your own life or marriage, what ways can you put this passage or sermon into practice in the coming weeks?

## MARRIAGE AND FRIENDSHIP

1 Corinthians 11:2-16

### UNDERSTAND THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF MARRIAGE

<sup>21</sup>Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup>to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup>and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup>In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church— <sup>30</sup>for we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

<sup>33</sup>However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. *Ephesians 5:21–33*

### UNDERSTAND THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF MARRIAGE

What it means to *sacrifice* and *submit*:

## Growth Group Homework

For the Week of February 26th, 2012

1. Look back at your notes from this Sunday's teaching. Was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you or raised a question?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read **Mark 10:35-45**. What was the request of James and John?

In the time of Jesus, at a meal the seats next to the host were reserved for the guests of honor. Was this a fair request of James and John?

What was Jesus' response to them?

2. When you think of "greatness", what are some words that come to mind? Why?

What areas in your life do you hope to be "great" in?

3. We learned on Sunday about the image of Jesus the church as head and body. What do you learn from **Mark 10:45** about what how Jesus sees his role?

We also learned about understanding the "posture" of marriage. Why do you think this type of service – sacrifice and submission – are important to developing an enjoyable friendship in marriage?