



MESSAGE GROUPS - A CONVERSATION AMONG MEN - MAY 19

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

To transform families, we have to look deeper in the role and responsibilities of men. God is clear in the roles He has given men and women to lead in their lives, but we have to remain obedient in them. When the responsibility of our God-given roles is taken lightly, conflict soon follows. For men to lead and help transform families - our boys, young men, fathers, and husbands need to align their hearts and minds with God's will for their role.

ICEBREAKER:

What's the biggest responsibility you've ever had to carry or are currently carrying? What about it made it feel so weighty?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

God has entrusted men with the title "Head of Household". We are given the description of this title in **Genesis 1:27**, "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female He created them;" **Genesis 2:15**, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it;" and **Ephesians 5:25**, "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her."

- **Q:** *Based on these verses - how do you think God defines what it means to be a Man? How is this different from how our culture defines and portrays being a man?*

When people are irresponsible with their God-given responsibilities, conflict is created. When the serpent tempted Eve, Adam did nothing. He was passive in his responsibility to obey God's will and love Eve.

- **Q:** *What are some areas that you think we can easily get passive with our God-given responsibilities? Why do you think being passive with what God has called us to ultimately leads to conflict?*

Read **Ephesians 5:21-33** aloud.

- **Q:** *What does this say about the role of a husband and wife in a Christian household? Why do you think Jesus was so specific with his directions about the roles of leadership in a family?*

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Leaders, God is clear on how men should lead in their households and lives, so remind your group of the four practical ways men can live their lives with responsibility and start transforming families: 1) embrace your title, 2) do your job description, 3) do the mundane with meaning, 4) get in a triangle of real men.

