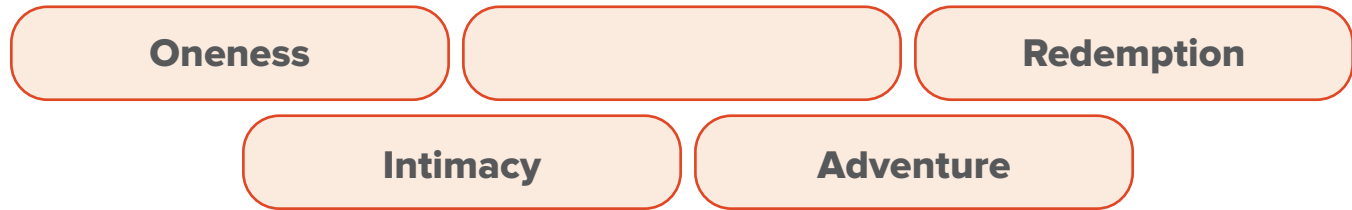


SESSION 3

A Call to Uniqueness



Uniqueness: equal in _____ but ordained with
_____.

WAYS WE ARE DIFFERENT

- Sexually
- Personality
- _____
- History
- _____ & _____

Our culture tells us that “fairness = _____”—but that is not God’s idea.

So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

— Genesis 1:27

In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God’s gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.

— 1 Peter 3:7

The test of your leadership in the home: Is my leadership in the home a _____
and a _____ for her?

For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. The church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything. For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. And we are members of his body. As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

— Ephesians 5:22-33

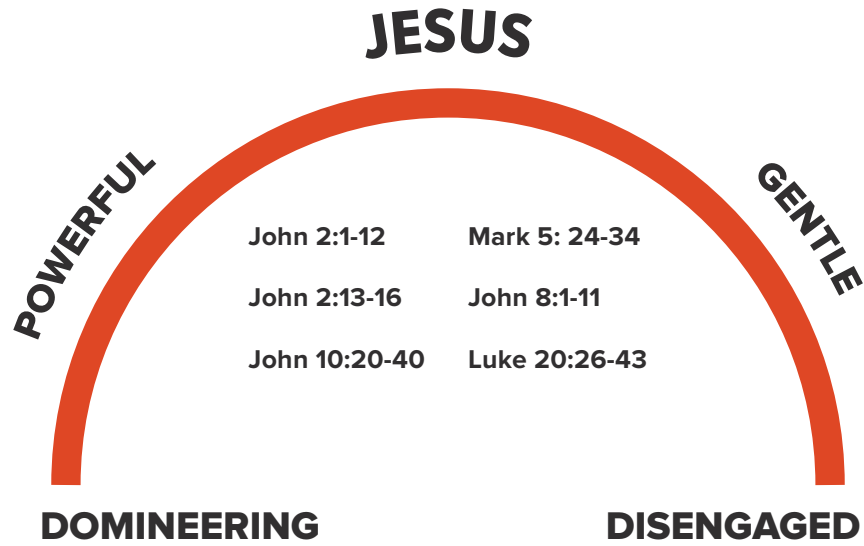
Her greatest felt need is to be _____.
His greatest felt need is _____.

But there is one thing I want you to know: The head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

— 1 Corinthians 11:3

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly."

— Colossians 3:18-19



PROBLEMS WE SEE

MOVING FORWARD

- 1. Sit quietly, meditate, and ask God to talk to you.
- 2. Sit with _____.
- 3. Sit with _____.

Discussion Questions

1. What was the most challenging thing you heard in this session? Can you think of any ways in which you feel pressured toward sameness?
2. Where do you find yourself in these two lists (differences, problems)? In what ways do you feel most different from your wife? Which of the problems are you most prone to?
3. Share one or two ways you'd like to improve your marriage based off of what you heard today and how you hope to make that a reality.
4. What is one thing you and your wife need to talk about?