



Icebreaker:

How was your Thanksgiving– what did you do? What was on the menu?

Announcements:

Invite a friend to our upcoming Christmas series– “Restoring the Merry in Christmas.”

Prayer Time:

Please pray for the Thomas family as they move to the area and Jim starts his role as youth pastor.

Study Questions:

What are your thoughts on Chip and Joanna Gaines’ “I am Second” video. What struck you about this couple? How is it possible that they get along so well when they are so different?

Which view of marriage have you seen over the years– birds of a feather flocking together or opposites attract? Why do so many marriages that start well end badly? What happens too often to the “flocking

together” and “attracting?” What goes wrong? Why do so many married couples turn into opposites who attack?

Read Ephesians 5:21–28. Why is it so important to see the thought flow here beginning in verse 21? Why is mutual submission so difficult? Why is mutual submission so vital to a healthy, growing marriage?

Good marriages always require hard work, humility, and compromise? Why is the myth that says if a marriage is right it should be easy so prevalent? How does Paul break down this myth in the following passages:

1 Corinthians 13:1–13... Ephesians 4:22–32...
Philippians 2:14–16

How can we put submission into practice in our marriages? What specific ways can we consider the interests of the other person more important than our own?

Read Philippians 2:3– 11. What does this passage say about how we are to treat others? What happens when two people begin to put this into practice? How can one person in a relationship who gets this right potentially change that relationship for good? How does Jesus model this commitment to putting the other person first?

Conversational Prayer: Dear God help me...