



## **I Can Relate – Marriage Pastors Joseph & Tosha Zwanziger 05.23.2023**

### **USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

### **Amos 3:3 (NKJV)**

"Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?"

Covenant = Commitment + Agreement

The Old Testament understanding of "Covenant" had 2 aspects:

*Bring these up 1 at a time, leaving the heading above as each one "adds" in*

Commitment = the legal, binding side

Relationship = the trust, peace, and mutual care

## **John 3:16**

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

## **Ephesians 5:21–33 (NIV)**

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

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do 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 their own body, but they feed and care for their body, 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.

### **1. Submit to one another.**

### **2. Wives - Submit to your Husband.**

## **1 Cor. 7:16 (NLT)**

Don't you wives realize that your husbands might be saved because of you? And don't you husbands realize that your wives might be saved because of you?

### **3. Husbands - Submit to your Wife.**

### **4. Church (Everyone) - Submit to Christ**

<sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ"

#### **Luke 22:19 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup>And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

#### **Luke 22:20 (ESV)**

<sup>20</sup>And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

#### **For Monday:**

1. Look at your calendar and consider attending one of the upcoming Q&A nights, regarding marriage and parenting.
2. Pray and verbalize your renewed commitment to submit to God out of reverence.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is a covenant? Why does God use that word instead of commitment, relationship, or contract? What is the significance of the covenant?
2. What is the heart behind submission? Why do you think the term carries such a stigma culturally?
3. What does submitting to one another look like? Why is it so important for both spouses to submit to each other?
4. How does a husband and wife's personal relationship with God impact their marriage?
5. How does the word of God reflect God's design for marriage?
6. What might have "to die" in your life for you to submit to others in the church and your community?
7. How can we serve each other better, in our marriages and in our friendships?
8. In what areas of your life can you apply this message, regardless of being married or not?

