



SDG Discussion Guide

Colossians 3:18

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To begin:

Have you ever been asked to do something that you didn't want to do, but were required to obey or submit? If so, what was your experience?

Before you proceed:

Pray and ask God to enlighten you to show you where he has been at work and present in your past week through events, places, and people. Ask Him to enliven and guide your group in your reading and discussion.

1. What was the biggest takeaway for you from the sermon this week?
2. Read aloud Colossians 3:18 slowly. As you can, reread it from a different bible translation. What stands out to you in the text? What impressions, curiosities, and questions arise as you further ponder it? Why do you think many people in our world today dislike this verse?
3. What makes it difficult to yield to someone else's wants and needs? According to the sermon is the term "submit" always a negative term?
4. According to Scripture believers are called to submit to:
 - God (James 4, Job 22)
 - The Holy Spirit (Acts 7)
 - The Word (James 1)
 - The government (Romans 13)
 - The emperor and authorities (1 Peter 2, Titus 3)
 - Parents (Colossians 3, Ephesians 6)
 - Masters/Employers (Colossians 3, 1 Peter 2)
 - Leaders in the church (Hebrews 13)
 - Each other in the church (Ephesians 5)
 - Every human institution (1 Peter 2)
 - Submit to husbands (1 Peter 3, Colossians 3, Ephesians 5, Titus 2)

What is your reaction when you read this list? Why do you think God calls believers to so much submission?

5. In what ways did Jesus submit to people, institutions and to God while he was here? Do you think of submission as a Godly trait or an example given to us by Jesus? Why do we often miss this activity of Jesus?
6. Read Ephesians 5:21. Right before Paul reminds women to submit to their husbands what general attitude does Paul suggest that believers should have toward one another? How should this attitude towards one another affect the marriage relationship?
7. Spend some time in prayer as it flows from your discussion and the Spirit's leading.