



Christ Defines and Models Headship

Week 2 Discussion Guide

Synopsis

This message demonstrates how Christ defines and models for men what headship ought to look like. God has established the order of headship by calling women to submit to their husbands and defining men as the head of their wife. This headship carries both dignity and weight when we consider the responsibilities associated with it. Christ himself is the model that we are to follow, as Christ himself is the head of his bride, the Church.

Questions for Preparation Before the Message

1. The Bible instructs wives to “submit to their husbands.” How does this language strike you? And what examples do you have where you have seen this demonstrated faithfully?
2. What is the cost to a family of a husband that does not execute his responsibilities for headship effectively or faithfully?
3. If Christ is the head of the church, what aspects of headship can we learn from his example?

Questions for Reflection After the Message

1. If your wife were to describe your headship over the family without a filter, what positives would she note in your leadership, and what areas of growth would she note?
2. One of the great challenges of headship is how to lead with strength without becoming domineering or uncaring. Discuss this tension and how we might balance strength and resolve, with tenderness and affection.



3. In what ways are you tempted to enjoy the dignity of headship without embracing the duties of headship?
4. Christ's headship was defined by its self-giving love. As sinful men we all fall short at times in this aspect of headship. What patterns do you see in your home life that reveal areas of growth needed in your self-giving love?

Main Idea of Message

Christ defines and models headship.

Outline of Message

1. Christ establishes the order of headship
2. Christ entrusts the weight of headship
 - a. The Dignity of Headship
 - b. The Duty of Headship
3. Christ demonstrates the shape of headship
 - a. Christ's Headship through His Authority
 - b. Christ's Headship through His Union with the Body
 - c. Christ's Headship through His Self-Giving Love
 - d. Christ's Headship through His Long-Term Leadership