

Whoever finds his life will
lose it, and whoever loses
his life for my sake will
find it.
Mt 10:39

Share the teaching
Guard the sharing

Male Call

February 23, 2007

Christian Submission

5:55 – 6:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Coffee & Donuts 2) Opening Prayer
6:05 – 6:25	<p>Review (Feb 16 lesson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Jesus: tough <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Tough in love b) Tough in mind c) Tough in his identity d) Tough in body 2) Jesus: meek <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Meek in attitude b) Meek in actions <p>Christian Submission <i>A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. [1Cor 9:19, new birth]</i> <i>A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant to all, subject to all. [Rom 13:8, new life]</i> --Martin Luther</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Community: grounded in God’s nature—the Trinity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Trinity shows God’s interpersonal nature and is the ground for our belief in his genuine desire for relationship with us b) God <i>is</i> love (1Jn 4:8, 16) 2) Our view: distorted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) We are created in God’s image with a need for perfect community—but the Fall distorted us b) Our modes of operation— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Attack: act against what is good for others ii) Withdraw: other’s good is a matter of indifference to us 3) Submission--Biblical view <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Focuses primarily on how we <i>view</i> other people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) We are free to value other people ii) We are free to give up our own rights

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii) We are free to love unconditionally iv) We are free to neither defend nor pretend b) We must reframe our view of community to the Trinitarian model <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Jn 17:22-26 ii) Rom 12:9 c) Every human interaction involves a “spiritual transfer”—our spirit effects others as theirs does ours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Heb 10:24 d) Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Example of Jesus—Phil 2:1-11 ii) Example of Abraham—Gen 22:1-19 iii) Example of Paul—Gal 2:19-21 e) Submission in relationships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Society—Mt 5:38-48 ii) Family—Eph 5:21-6:9; 1Pet 3:1-9 iii) State—Rom 13:1-10; Acts 4:13-20, 5:27-29, 16:35-39; 1Pet 2:13-14
6:25 – 7:00	<p>Interaction and prayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How have you seen “submission” abused 2) Why was Jesus’ teaching on submission so revolutionary? 3) What are the limits on submission and why are they important?
7:00	Closing Prayer

Further reading:

- *The Bible*
- *The Silence of Adam*, Larry Crabb
- *Finding the Will of God, a pagan notion?*, Bruce Waltke
- *Then Secret of Guidance*, F.B. Meyer
- *Hearing God*, Dallas Willard
- *Walking Like Jesus Did*, Larry McCall
- *Renovation of the Heart*, Dallas Willard
- *Celebration of Discipline*, Richard Foster
- *Disciplines of a Godly Man*, R. Kent Hughes