

E P H E S I A N S

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

STUDY
NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The cost Of Winning

1 Describe some of the big differences you and your spouse have (or you and a roommate or close friend)? How do these differences make you laugh or cause funny situations?

2 How could differences lead to conflict, fights, and the 'win at all costs' mentality?

3 Read Ephesians 5:21-24. Wives, how does the idea of submission make you feel? How does it change things, in your view, that Paul actually first commands all Christians to submit to one another? How do you feel about the two words 'in everything'? Is that possible? In what area is it most difficult to submit?

4 Read Ephesians 5:25-32. Husbands, how does the idea that you ought to love your wife like Jesus loved the church make you feel? Is it possible? In what areas do you find yourself to be most selfish and least loving to your wife? What are the little things that are hard to love or sacrifice for your wife?

5 When 'I' wins in a relationship, you lose. How have you seen this to be true in your own relationships and in others you have observed?

6 Win at all costs, and the cost will be you. How is that statement proven true in the great relationships you have observed? Why is engaging in the submission competition so crucial for relationships to thrive? How could you take a step this week to 'out submit' your spouse?

7 Pray for one another. Pray for marriages in our church, town, and county. Many are broken and deeply hurt.

