

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for this time you have provided for us to come together to hear from you and have fellowship in your word. Father, we need you, we need your grace every minute of every day. We praise you for you are good and your steadfast love endures forever. Please open our hearts to you and to one another and lead our discussion. Your banner over us is love. May you be glorified in our thoughts and words and deeds. In Jesus' name, Amen.

I. LECTURE: Will someone share how the Lord used the lecture to speak to your heart? Did anyone have any questions or concerns about the lecture? If you ever have a question or something is unclear, please let us know. We want to serve you in any way we can!

II. ABIGAILS PLEASE READ THE MAIN POINT FROM THIS WEEK'S HOMEWORK

Genesis 1 states that God made mankind in His image, male and female. We were made to glorify God and enjoy Him. In Genesis 2, God said it was not good for man to be alone so He created a helper suitable for the man. Man alone was not complete. He had been made to be united in relationship with another, one who would be his helper, completer. The Word of God proclaims that an excellent wife is the crown of her husband (Proverbs 12:4).

III. QUESTIONS FROM THE HOMEWORK

1. Go through the homework, occasionally calling on women. Read scriptures aloud. After asking a question, remember to allow a brief period of quiet "wait-time" to give women a chance to think before answering. After pausing, if no one shares, go ahead with your answer, rephrase question, and/or move on.

DAY ONE **Devotion: A Helper Fit for Him**

2. Read Genesis 2:18. In the devotion Laurie writes she didn't want to hear that as a wife, God had created her to be a helper, completer. Would someone please share their thoughts and feelings about being a helper, completer for your husband?
3. Would someone vulnerably share their heart cry that you wrote on your prayer journal page after reading 1 Peter 3:1-6?

DAY TWO **Not Good to be Alone**

4. Read Genesis 2:18-23. What is God's plan and His purpose for the man and woman?
5. After reading through the scriptures listed under question #2 and thinking through these truths, how might you respond differently to God and to your husband?

DAY THREE **The First Marital Issue**

6. Read Genesis 3:1-6. What drew Eve into this situation and out of God's will? What do you do on a daily or weekly basis to help your husband? Where do you struggle? Why?

7. Who is your focus during the day? Who is your priority? Where do you pour your energies and for what reason?

DAY FOUR Deceived and Disobedient

8. Read Genesis 2:13-14. Do you think you may have listened to 'the serpent' in any area of your life? Who have you believed? How have you acted? Would someone share what they wrote in their prayer journal?
9. What do you think your responsibility is as a wife, as a helper completer? How can you encourage your husband to obey the commands of the Lord and assist him as a leader?
10. Where can you deny your selfish desires or impulses and resist the devil in your relationship with your husband? How can you put to death the 'old woman' and allow Christ within you to help you be the helper you were created to be?

DAY FIVE Bone of His Bones

11. Read Genesis 2:21-23. According to 1 Corinthians 11, we are to compliment our husbands in every way, through who we are, what we think and say, and what we do. Would someone share what they wrote about this?
12. Will someone share what 2 things you are going to do to encourage your husband this week?

IV. PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR HOMEWORK ACCOUNTABILITY CARDS

V. PLEASE RECITE YOUR SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSES TOGETHER

VI. TAKING THE TRUTH TO HEART TIME

We will now focus on taking God's truth to our hearts and bringing it to life. James 5:16a states; "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." And 1 Peter 2:24 says, "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed."

Please turn to your Taking the Truth to Heart Review page. We will each have 3 minutes so that every woman will have a chance to share. Please record one another's confessions on the Taking the Truth to Heart Guide on the following page so you can pray for one another throughout the week. Abigails please set the example by always going first.

VII. PLEASE CLOSE IN PRAYER