



Tools For Men

Love and Respect in Marriage

Purpose

To help you and your wife become intentional about meeting one another's greatest need

Advance Preparation

- Schedule a dinner or coffee date
- Each spouse should listen to the 20 minute *Love and Respect in Marriage* presentation available from the campus HomePointe Center or download from homepointe.org/men.
- Each spouse should spend a few minutes writing down answers to the questions on the reverse side.

During The Date

Spend 15 minutes discussing your answers.

Getting Honest About Love and Respect

HUSBANDS

Read aloud Ephesians 5:25-28 and answer the following questions...

- Do you agree that your wife's primary marital need is to be cherished by you?
- What are some of the ways you try to show her sacrificial love?
- What are 2-3 ways she needs you to show love but that you might find difficult?
- What do you think your wife would say if invited to offer a few "baby step" suggestions on better meeting her needs?

WIVES

Read aloud Ephesians 5:22-24 and answer the following questions...

- Do you agree that your husband needs to feel respected?
- What are some of the ways you try to show that you admire and respect him?
- What are 2-3 things he would appreciate but might be more difficult for you to do?
- What do you think your husband would say if invited to offer a few "baby step" suggestions on better meeting his needs?

TOGETHER

Read aloud Ephesians 5:31-33. Then hold hands and pray these words...

Dear God:

Help us to better fulfill the purpose of our marriage by modeling the relationship between Christ and His Bride.

Amen