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## MOVE WITH PURPOSE

**PASSAGE:** Ephesians 5:22-6:9

### OUTLINE:

#### 5 Words On Living With Purpose

- 1 - A Word to **Husbands: Love** with Purpose (5:25-33)
- 2 - A Word to **Wives: Respect** with Purpose (5:33, 22-24)
- 3 - A Word to **Children: Obey** and **Honor** with Purpose (6:1-3)
- 4 - A Word to **Parents: Train** with Purpose (6:4)
- 5 - A Word to the **Church: Serve** with Purpose (6:5-9)

### SHARE: GET TALKING (15 min)

- *Jeremiah 32:19 says "[God] great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds. Your eyes are open to all of mankind..." How important do you think the topic of your personal purpose is to God? Explain your answer.*

### STUDY: GO DEEPER (30-45 min)

- What challenged you most from the message this past Sunday?
  
- Throughout the Gospels, we hear Jesus use a common phrase to ensure His words are both heard AND acted on by those in the crowd: "To him who has ears to hear, let him hear." Throughout Ephesians 5 and 6 we receive many words from God about our purpose - which of these did you hear from the Lord on? Which is He calling you to "be on the move" this week?
  
- Read Ephesians 6:1-3. As adult children, each of us are called to "honor" our parents. On a scale of 1-10, where would you rate how you honor your parents practically?
  
- Read Ephesians 6:4. The opposite of "provoke" is to encourage. Think about the conversations you've had with your kids or those closest to you this past week - are your words to them more critical or encouraging? Explain your answer.
  
- Ephesians 6:5-9 give us 3 principles for us to apply in our service:
  - 1) When we serve, *we serve the Lord not man* (v7)
  - 2) When we serve, *we will be blessed* (v8)
  - 3) When we serve, *we glorify God* (v9)

- Which of these principles is the most meaningful to you in your service right now? Why did you pick that one?

## SUPPORT: GROW TOGETHER (30-45 MIN)

- Our topic last week was On the Move with Love. What did you discuss last week with the group that you wanted to see changed in your life? Can you share any progress?
- **MEN:** Read Ephesians 5:25-33. Paul gives husbands 4 'S' words to describe how our love should look - 1) **sacrificing** [v25] 2) **sanctifying** [v26-27] 3) **servicing** [v28-30] and 4) **staying** [v31]. Which of these do you need to grow in as you love your wife or those closest to you? What do you sense God is calling you to change specifically?
- **WOMEN:** Read Ephesians 5:33 and 22-24. What one word would you use to describe your communication to your husband or those closest to you? Would you describe the level of respect to them as healthy or unhealthy? What do you sense God is calling you to change specifically?
- How can we support and pray for you this week?

## RENEW YOUR MIND: MEMORY VERSE

*"And he said, 'He who has ears to hear, let him hear.'" - Mark 4:9*

## LEADER TIP OF THE WEEK:

In this passage, Paul challenges every married couple to paint a picture of the Gospel in how they love and respect one another. Pastor Ron and Jody's book "The Marriage Knot" was written to be a resource for disciple makers to use in helping other couples asset their marriage and to do the intentional work required to have a healthy, God-centered relationship. If you sense God convicting and challenging couples in your Growth Group, consider using this chapters and the included Small Group questions to dive deeper into struggles they are experiencing and what God is calling their marriage to be:

- **Struggling with Growing Spiritually Together:** *Chapter 1 "Choose to Grow Spiritually"* (pg. 27-46, Small Group Questions on pg. 174)
- **Struggling with Sacrificial Love:** *Chapter 3 "Choose to Serve Sacrificially"* (pg. 65-88, Small Group Questions on pg. 175)
- **Struggling with Respect and Communication:** *Chapter 6 "Choose to Communicate Respectfully"* (pg. 125-146, Small Group Questions on pg. 176)

For more resources from the *The Marriage Knot*, including multiple 2 minute quizzes to help couples assess their Love, Communication, Overall Marriage Health, and more - visit [ronzappia.com/the-marriage-knot](http://ronzappia.com/the-marriage-knot)