

Homework Leading Into This Week: Matthew 26:36-46
Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Submit:

Redeeming America's Least Favorite Word

Week #1: Saving Submission

Overview:

❖ A lack of submission is an ugly condition.

❖ A life of submission is a blessed condition.

The Proof:

❖ Since Jesus is God, he is inferior to no one.

❖ Matthew 26:36 - Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

Matthew 26:37-38 - He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

Matthew 26:39 - Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

❖ Jesus prayed to the Father, "**Your will** be done."

❖ Matthew 26:40-44 - Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done." When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

❖ Submission's Definition: "Sub" = **under**. "Mit" = **place**.
"Submit" = To place yourself under.

❖ Matthew 26:45-46 - Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

❖ Illustration: The Roman Cup of Suffering

❖ Jesus forces us to see the strength and love in submission.

❖ Conclusion: A feminist, a wedding vow, and a new definition

Points to Ponder

1. Before Sunday's service, what words/ideas/pictures/experiences did you associate with the word "submit"? How did the message change your attitude towards the word?
2. Read Philippians 2:1-4. Share with your CORE group (or a friend) how those words apply to your upcoming week. Next, read Philippians 2:5-11. Describe in your own words what Jesus did for you.
3. Check out Colossians 1:15-20. Pick a word or phrase to prove that Jesus, our submitting Savior, isn't inferior to anyone. How does this text reinforce Sunday's definition of "submit"?

*"Christ willingly submitted to the Father,
without a word of protest. It is precisely that willingness
that we are called to imitate in submitting
ourselves to authority."
~ R.C. Sproul*

Homework For Next Week: Matthew 20:17-28