



EDGEWATER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Bible Study Companion Notes

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season, his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Psalm 1:3

Male To Man

Scripture Reference

Romans 13:1

Supporting Scriptures

Genesis 2:20-25

Genesis 9:1-29

Genesis 3:15

Matthew 16:19

John 20:23

Ephesians 5:22-33

Ephesians 2:1

Romans 3:11

Genesis 3:9

Romans 5:14

Genesis 18:13

Genesis 3:17-19

Proverbs 12:4

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Open It Up

- When you were growing up, what was the authority like in your home?
- What are some characteristics or traits you can see when power is being abused?

Dig In Deeper

- Why do you think that we have a dislike of authority? Is this dislike of authority seen in all three "power centers" that Pastor Matt spoke about (Family, Government, the Church)? What are some examples?
- Why is order so important to authority?
- Proverbs 12:4 tells us that a wife can either be a crown or rottenness to her husband. If that verse was written from other perspective, what are the two examples of how a husband would be to his wife?
- How does the verse Proverbs 18:21 "*Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*" fit with today's teaching?

Think It Through

- What does it mean to you personally that Jesus is the initiator of love in restoring the broken relationship that existed between us and Him? How does that reality demonstrate itself in your life on a daily basis?
- For the areas in your life where authority is a problem, what lesson do you think the Lord is trying to teach or remind you? What steps do you need to take in order to make that lesson a reality in your life this week?
- Guys: How do you need to "die" for your wife this week and lead her (and your family) as the Lord has given you authority? Ladies: How do you need to reverence your husband this week? Talk about why that seems so difficult and what you can do to make that easier for each other.

Your Personal Notes