

Champions Arise Study Guide
Series: Every Man a Warrior, Program: #16 (EMAW 16)
Filling the Gaps

Focus passage – 1 Peter 3:7: *“You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.”*

1) What is the biggest difference you experienced between what you thought marriage would be like and what it was actually like?

2) What is the order of submission in a marriage?

“But there is one thing I want you to know: The head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.” 1 Corinthians 11:3.

3) How do we submit to Jesus Christ?

4) What is God’s design for our wife?

The Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.’” Genesis 2:18

5) In what ways can God use our wife to strengthen us?

Commitment: I commit to living by God’s design for marriage and learning how I can better honor and understand my wife.

Filling the Gap – LEADER’S GUIDE

1. Thank everyone for coming.
2. Open in prayer
3. Read the focus passage.
4. Ask men to answer Question #1. Remind the men that what is said at these meetings is confidential. Try to identify positive as well as negative differences.
5. Listen to the program: “Filling the Gaps”
6. After the program is finished, allow time for comments or questions on the program
7. Review the answers to the four remaining questions with the men in the group.
Encourage everyone to participate, but never force or shame someone into participating.
 - a. Question #2 answer: The husband submits to Jesus Christ. The wife submits to the husband.
 - b. Question #3 answer: Have our daily quiet time with God. Read the Bible daily. Pray to God for any wisdom and guidance we need.
 - c. Question #4 answer: Our wife is our “helper”—literally “one who fills the gaps.”
 - d. Question #5 answer: Our wives are stronger in areas like compassion, sensitivity, gentleness, and building relationships in general.
8. Ask the men what was most important to them from this teaching.
9. Ask the men to commit to working together to take steps to better understand their wives and to be humble enough to allow their wives to help them in areas where God is challenging them to be stronger.
10. Confirm the time for the next meeting
11. Take prayer requests.
12. Close in prayer

Sample prayer: Almighty God, please help me to follow your design for marriage and not follow the world’s design. Also, help me every day to see my wife as the helper You designed her to be. In Jesus name, Amen.