



# 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 At Home Center or download from [rushcreek.org/athome](http://rushcreek.org/athome).
- 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*