

Part 2 It's Mutual When it comes to falling in love, our hopes, dreams, and desires often lead to expectations. But when you put those expectations onto your spouse, it turns your marriage into a debt/debtor relationship. Somebody owes somebody else something. So, how do you keep your hopes, dreams, and desires from becoming expectations?

Discussion Questions

- 1. What is your definition of a great marriage? What do you think creating a great marriage requires of each person in the marriage?
- 2. Have you ever been in a relationship in which the other person felt you owed them something? If so, what happened to that relationship?
- 3. During the message, Chris said, "Great marriages aren't built on a division of labor. Great marriages are a submission competition." How does that statement challenge your assumptions about marriage?
- 4. Read John 13:34. What are some practical ways spouses can love each other the way Christ has loved them?
- 5. Read Ephesians 5:22 and 25. Do you think this advice to wives and husbands is realistic? Why or why not?
- 6. What can you do this week to begin to treat your spouse—or lay the groundwork for treating your future spouse—as though he or she owes you nothing? How can this group support you?