

Week 9: Husbands Love Your Wives

Memory Verse: Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church.

Ephesians 5:21, 25

Reading: Ephesians 5: 25-33 and answer the following questions before meeting with your small group.

A. Breaking It Down:

1. How are husbands commanded to love their wives? (v,25)
2. How did Christ prepare a bride for Himself?(v.26-27)
3. How should husbands love their wives? (v. 28-30)
4. How is the bond between husband and wife greater than the bond between parent and child? (v. 31)
5. How does the bond between Christ and church illustrate the love of a husband for his wife? (v. 32)
6. What are the responsibilities of the husband and wife toward each other? (v.33)

B. Digging Deeper: These questions are for you to ponder before meeting with your small group. You may write down your answers or simply begin to use these questions to evaluate your personal walk with Christ.

1. How does God ask husbands to love their wives?
2. Do you think God's requirements differ between husbands and wives?
Why or why not?
3. Should we as Christian couples do what God has asked us to do for our spouse?
Why or why not?
4. What is God saying to you in this passage about your marriage?
5. What do you need to do or stop doing to follow God's design for your marriage?