

19 March 2023 -- Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group

“Filled in the Spirit at Home” (Part 1) -- Ephesians 5:22-33

1. What does Paul call upon wives to do in their relationship with their husbands (v. 22)?
2. What parallel does Paul use for the husband’s headship (leadership) of his wife (v. 23)?
3. What is the Church’s responsibility to Christ as its Head (v. 24)?
4. What does Paul command husbands to do in their relationship with their wives (v. 25a)?
5. How are husbands to love their wives (v. 25b)?
6. Why did Christ love the Church and give Himself up for her (v. 26)?
7. What is the result of Christ’s love for His Church (v. 27)?
8. What additional aspect of the husband’s love for his wife does Paul introduce? Why? (v. 28)?
9. What is the natural impulse that people have toward themselves (v. 29a)?
10. What does Christ do for His Church? Why? (vv. 29b-30)?
11. What did God command at creation for a man and a woman to do that illustrates the intimate union of a husband and wife (v. 31)?
12. What does the marriage union of a man and woman picture (v. 32)?
13. In summarizing, what are Paul’s commands for a husband and for a wife, respectively (v. 33)?
14. Name some aspects of the circumstances and attitudes regarding marriage in the first-century mentioned in the sermon. How were these different from today? How were they similar?
15. When you hear the word “submission,” what is your typical reaction to what that word connotes?
16. Does “submission” inherently mean subordination or subjugation? Why or why not?
17. How are husbands under submission?
18. How have modern attitudes and movements impacted your understanding of marriage and the husband-wife relationship in particular?
19. What does “headship” mean?
20. How have husbands abused their headship?