

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Ephesians 5:22-33

Ice Breaker: What is an evidence of God's grace in your life this week?

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite fall activity and why?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Ephesians 5:22-33

1. What are your initial observations from this passage? What stands out to you or what questions come up when reading a passage like this?
2. Share an example of a godly marriage in your life and discuss the qualities of their marriage you seek to emulate?
3. What does it NOT mean to biblically submit to a husband? Why is it important to remember a wife's submission is a gift rather than something to be demanded by a husband?
4. What do Scriptures mean when it calls wives to submit to their own husbands? Why is this a positive calling? Share any examples of this modeled well.
5. How do we see Jesus model biblical submission in the Scriptures? Is submission something only for wives? (see Eph. 5:21; Heb. 13:17; James 4:7; Acts 5:29).
6. How are men called in this passage to love their wives? What are the qualities of Christ's love for the church?
7. What are ways husbands can display this kind of sacrificial love for their wives? What is the ultimate purpose of husbands loving their wives in this way?
8. How are men and women both supposed to image Jesus to one another but in different ways? Any similar ways?
9. Husbands, are you more inclined to be domineering or passive in your role as husband? Ask the Lord to show you where you're tempted to abdicate the calling of God, and look for ways to lovingly lead this week in love.
10. Are the failures of women and men in marriage a problem with marriage itself or something else? How does vs. 31 remind us that God's design is not the problem?
11. The bible begins with a wedding in Genesis 2:20-25 and ends with a wedding in Revelation 19:6-9. What does the theme of marriage throughout the bible change how we view our marriages on earth? What is the ultimate point of marriage?
12. How can children and those in the church who are not married benefit from godly marriages in the church?