


EPH. 5:22-33 DISCUSSION GUIDE


1 Why do some react negatively to Paul's instruction to wives?

 How would you answer common objections to the concept of "submitting?"

 If you're a wife, when do you find it hardest to submit? Why? How can you reflect on the gospel in such a way that you are enabled to submit willingly rather than grudgingly?


2 If you are married, do you talk to others about your spouse in positive and loyal ways? If not, what needs to change?

3 How is the biblical view of marital leadership different from society?

 If you're a husband, in what ways are you leading your wife in a Christ-like way? In what ways is the Spirit prompting you to be more Christ-like?

4 How are husbands called to love their wives? What would sacrificial love look like? What would sanctifying love look like practically?

5 If you are happily unmarried, or unhappily married, how does Eph 5:32 help you not make too much of human marriage?

 Are you in any danger of failing to enjoy the greater relationship (between Christ and the church) because you don't enjoy the picture of that relationship (human marriage)?

6 How does the illustration of marriage as a picture of Christ and the church give purpose and hope for marriage?

7 Since we know marriage is a target that Satan aims for, stop and take a moment to pray for your own marriage or for the marriage of others.