

Ephesians 5:1-20

Marriage



Start Talking. Conversation starter for your group.

- Funniest moment with your husband or wife.
- What husband-and-wife team do you greatly admire?
- In your view, what one quality or ability sustains a marriage relationship?

Start Thinking.

- Read Ephesians 5:22-33 and then discuss:
 - What responsibility does the wife have to her husband before the Lord? (5:22)
 - What responsibility does the husband have to use his influence in a marriage? (5:23)
 - How is the relationship of the church to Christ an example to wives? (5:24)
 - How are husbands commanded to love their wives? (5:25)
 - What are the responsibilities of the husband and wife toward each other? (5:33)

Start Sharing.

- How should both husband and wife model themselves on Christ?
- Why would unselfishness be an essential part of a Christian marriage?
- What should a Christian wife give her husband?
- How should a Christian husband care for his wife?
- How does a healthy Christian marriage relationship honor the Lord?
- What are some ways local churches can help Christian couples strengthen their marriages?

Start Doing.

- What do we learn about God and about ourselves in this passage?
- What may God be asking you to change, do differently, repent of, pray about as a result of engaging with this passage?
- How can we pray for each other?