



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“EPHESIANS 5:21-33” ON OCTOBER 27-30, 2022

CONNECT

How did last week’s passage we read/discussed affect your week?

DISCOVER: EPHESIANS 5:21-33

- What did the passage say (in your own words) or what impacted you/did you take away from the sermon this week?
- How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?
- Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn’t understand, phrases that didn’t make sense, etc.)?

EPHESIANS 5:21-33 How wonderful would it be if everyone left our worship services this week recognizing WHO God is and DESIRING to IMITATE Him in their daily lives, so that others could see how good God is and want to know Him? And WHAT does that really look like and HOW do we go about all of this? Chapter 5 challenges us to dig deeper into the ideals of submission, sacrificial giving, surrender, and being the Bride of Christ so that we can shine His light on those around us! Paul uses the example of marriage to teach about the Church in today’s passage!

Review the last question from last week’s questions as a review, then look back at the 1st verse of Chapter 5: WHAT does it mean to be imitators of God as beloved children?

- Why is it important to God that we imitate Him? What does that do for us and for Him?
- What do submission, sacrificial giving, and surrender have to do with one another and with being imitators of God? Why are they such important aspects of living as a Christian and imitating God, and how aware are you each day of living with these ideals in mind? How much are you influenced by how Jesus lived out these ideals?
- In order to imitate God, we must draw closer to Him; how important is spending time with Jesus to you? How can spending time with Him draw you closer to Him?

MARRIAGE and The CHURCH – The bride and the groom and the Bride and the Groom....Paul instructs us in the ‘hows’ of imitating God by teaching about marriage and the Church, the body of Christ. God instituted marriage to give us a picture of WHO HE WAS. Believers are to be the Bride of Christ, and Jesus is our Groom who will provide for us, protect us, and COME FOR US!

- What should our attitudes and intentions be as we live as the Bride of Christ? What things are really important?
- How should being the Bride of Christ affect our actions – how we live out each and every day?
- What confidence in the Groom do we have as the Bride of Christ? How do you understand His role in this union?
- Discuss in general the whole concept of the connections between marriage and the church, remembering points Jason brought out in his message.

QUESTIONS:

- How do you respond to this challenge if you are married or a couple: It’s your job as a couple to be imitators of Jesus! How can your marriage speak into that?
- How will you be intentional this week about living in submission, imitating God so that the world knows how good He is?
- How well are you basing your life on the moment He’ll return?



CHURCH

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

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RESPOND

- How does this passage encourage you, challenge you, or change you in your efforts to become more like Jesus?
- What is one thing you learned about yourself from God's Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
- Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.

PRAY

... for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.