

Ephesians: Week 6  
Title: Ephesians: Mutual Submission  
Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:21-6:24  
Discussion Questions

1. We are in the sixth and final week of our sermon series on the book of Ephesians. Today's focus is Ephesians 5:21-6:24. Take time to read this section for yourself. What stands out to you as you read? What is confusing or do you have questions about?
2. In chapter 5:18-20 we learned that living with the Holy Spirit means that Christians should sing songs to God, be thankful, and elevate others above themselves. Now we are going to be given some practical examples of what that can look like in several relationships. How do you see your Christian faith play out in your relationships? Does it make a difference that you are a Christian? How so?
3. Traditional marriages in the Roman Empire were very contractual, husbands gained status and beneficial family ties, and wives gained stability and safety. Hardly ever would these relationships have been thought of as romantic or affectionate. Here in Ephesians a Christian Marriage is said to be one where the couple mimics Jesus and the Church. Husbands and wives are to live a life of mutual submission and love to each other. How do you see this as an expansion of Paul's idea of elevating others above yourself?
4. The last thing emphasized in the letter to the Ephesians is the reality of spiritual evil. Here we are encouraged to put on a metaphorical set of armor to help combat such evil. There is an old saying, "The clothes make the person." So what does it mean for us to be clothed in truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and the Spirit? What kind of person would this make us?