

## Life Group Discussion—April 14, 2024

### *Ephesians 5:18–33 Christ in Marriage*

***Ephesians 5:18–33 (ESV)*** <sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. <sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in every thing to their husbands. <sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.[a] <sup>28</sup> In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

#### **6 CHRISTOLOGICAL CONNECTIONS OF A WIFES SUBMISSION**

- 1. THE CONTENT SURROUNDING A WIFES SUBMISSION (18–21)**
- 2. THE EMPHASIS PRIORITIZING A WIFES SUBMISSION (22)**
- 3. THE REASON NECESSITATING A WIFES SUBMISSION (23A)**
- 4. THE MODEL INFORMING A WIFES SUBMISSION (23B–24)**
- 5. THE THEOLOGY UNDERGIRDING A WIFES SUBMISSION (31-32)**
- 6. THE ATTITUDE ADORNING A WIFES SUBMISSION (33)**

#### **4 CHRISTOLOGICAL CONNECTIONS OF A HUSBAND’S LEADERSHIP**

- 1. THE CONTENT SURROUNDING A HUSBAND’S LEADERSHIP (18–21)**
- 2. THE MODEL INFORMING A HUSBAND’S LEADERSHIP (23)**
- 3. THE PRIORITY DEMONSTRATING A HUSBAND’S LEADERSHIP (25, 28, 33)**
- 4. THE THEOLOGY UNDERGIRDING A HUSBAND’S LEADERSHIP (31–32)**

## **BOTH**

### **1. BOTH**

*Our lives should be demonstrating a voluntary yielding to the Spirit and to one another. How has Christ been intersecting with your marriage in this manner? Where has He been missing?*

*Every believer is a submitter. In what ways is this easily reflected in your life? In what ways has this proven to be difficult? Don't just think of your marriage to each other, but how your marriage is used for the Lord in regards to others.*

## **HUSBANDS**

### **1. HUSBANDS**

*How has your delegated headship tempered you in decision making?*

*How have you abused or forced your authority in the home?*

*What is the difference between delegation and abdication?*

*Where might you be more inclined to abdicate your leadership?*

*How does your love reflect the love Christ has shown you?*

*What hinders you from loving in a Christlike manner?*

*How are you battling against being embittered against your wife?*

*Have you asked your wife, "What about my leadership makes it difficult for you to follow"?*

## **WIVES**

### **1. WIVES**

*How do you see your submission in the home as worship to the Lord?*

*How are you trying to be independent or leading in your marriage which works against God's design?*

*How are you thinking, speaking, & acting that is honoring or dishonoring your husband? Is your desire to honor your husband but your attitude in disagreement?*

*Have you asked your husband, "What about my submission makes it difficult for you to lead"?*

## **SINGLES**

### **1. SINGLES**

*How does the church thrive in God given roles? How are you thriving in your current God given role?*

*What advantage does a single person have over a married person?*

*How can you grow in your sacrificial service?*