SBSG Questions Ephesians 5:22-33

- 1. What models did you have growing up re: husband/wife relationship: healthy, destructive, good, bad? How have these influenced your marriage relationship?
- 2. What are some of our cultures messages about marriage? Why do you think this is such a volatile topic?
- 3. Try to write a biblical definition of submission. (What it is and is not) Discuss what it means for a husband to "love his wife as Christ loved the church."

NOTE 1: Divide Group into men and women - meet in separate areas for this portion of group time. I know this does not apply to all our groups or all individuals but this passage lends itself to this process.

NOTE 2: This conversation does not have to do with your spouse! It's about you!

- 4. Where have you been successful in your role as husband/wife? Where do you need help? Where has your sin (yes, let's call it what it is) caused a breach in your relationship? How can the group encourage you in this effort? Pray for you?
- 5. Have you seen healing moments in your relationship when you have practiced these principles?
- 6. Assignment: What would happen in your relationship if you went to your spouse and said, "Would you forgive me for not being the spouse God desires me to be?"