

The Church ... a *Master Planned Community*
What's A Husband to Do? (Eph 5:25-33)
Small group study questions for the week of May 3-9

Getting Started

Pseudo-Love is a love that says “I love you because...” or “I love you when...”
What are some common examples of pseudo-love?

Digging Deep

Read through Ephesians 5:23, 25-33 together as a group. There are two parallel concepts being discussed and compared in the passage. It will help to fill out the chart below before answering the questions.

Eph 5	The verse says about the husband	The verse says about Christ
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1. In our society, the role of the husband has changed over the years. Which changes do you think are good and which ones are not?
2. Comparing the relationship of the wife and husband, with the church and Christ, how does Christ being the head of the church compare to the husband's role? (v. 23)
3. What are some of the ways Christ loved the church and based on your understanding about Christ, how did he do these things? (v.23-27, 29)
4. From verse 25, what are some examples of this today?
5. What do you think verse 28 means by “a husband is to love his wife as his own body?”
6. In Verse 33, Paul is making a clear distinction between the husband “loving” his wife and the wife “respecting” her husband. What do you think the difference is and why?

A Matter of Prayer

7. How is this approach for husbands different than our cultural approach? Practically speaking, how could a husband implement some of these principles in his marriage?
8. For those who are married: Consider that last week's, and this week's sessions. How can you make changes to your approach to your marriage to better fit God's plan. Ask someone in the study or someone else to hold you accountable to begin a new marriage-building practice.

Next Week: Ephesians 6:1-4