

# Sermon-Based Discussion

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## Bible Passages

### Ephesians 5:21-33

**21**submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

#### *Wives and Husbands*

**22**Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. **23**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. **24**Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

**25**Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, **26**that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, **27**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.<sup>a</sup> **28**In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. **29**For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, **30**because we are members of his body. **31**“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” **32**This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. **33**However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

**Additional Scripture: 1 Peter 3:1-7**

## **Group Discussion & Life Challenge**

Use these notes as discussion prompts for your group, or in your personal time with God.

### **Connect:**

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, fellowship.

### **Care:**

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

### **Challenge:**

Dive into God's Word. Use these discussion questions. Learn from each other's insight.

- 1. List the areas you (and your spouse) are presently prioritizing, i.e. jobs, marriage, raising a family, ministry, outreach, etc.**
- 2. Are there any other desires that you would also like to see included in your life mission? (For example: purchasing a home, starting a business, starting a small group, etc.)**
- 3. Start building your mission statement by incorporating the above areas (from #1 and #2) into a mission paragraph. (See example.)**

**"To love and to serve God; to love and to complement one another in order to see the purposes of God fulfilled in our spouse's life; to raise our children in the truth of God's Word - equipping them to live godly lives; to be out of debt; to be people helpers in the body of Christ - be it through worship, leading a small group, reaching out neighbors, etc.; to be an active testimony and witness to the world."**

- 4. What goals can you develop (in writing) that will move you toward your mission statement? List at least one.**
- 5. What are some action points you (and your spouse) can take to meet these goals? List at least one.**

### **Clarify:**

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

### **Celebrate:**

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

## **KEY TAKEAWAYS**