



Ephesians 5:22-33 The Church Life

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Easy warm-up questions (choose one)

1. What is one thing that you are secretly pleased that you don't have to do now that you are social distancing?
2. Would you rather never watch another TV show or movie again or never use social media again?

Paul's Marriage Illustration 5:22-31

Take a running start at Paul's illustration by first reading Ephesians 5:21. How does 5:22-33 fit within the "big picture" of Paul's letter to the Ephesians?

Wives, submit to your own husband 5:22-24

1. What does Paul mean by "submit"?
2. It is usually easy for a wife to submit to her own husband, as to the Lord. AGREE WAFFLE DISAGREE
3. What, in Paul's teaching, might make it easier for a wife to submit to her husband?
4. How might the example of a wife submitting to her own husband help us to submit to one another as a congregation?

Husbands, sacrificially love ("agape") your wife 5:25-31

1. How does Paul illustrate "love" from the love Christ has for the Church?
2. It is usually easy for a husband to love his wife as Christ loved the church. AGREE WAFFLE DISAGREE
3. What, in Paul's teaching, might make it easier for a husband to love his wife?
4. How might the example of a husband loving his wife help us to submit to one another as a congregation?

Paul's Application 5:32,33

1. Consider John 17:20-23. What is so mysterious and profound about Christ and the Church?
2. Why is submitting to one another so difficult?
3. How does the relationship of a wife and a husband (submission and love) illustrate the church's reverence for Christ?
4. What, in Paul's teaching, do you personally find helpful as you seek to submit to others at Creekside?

Processing all that...

1. Oneness and submission do not happen in isolation. AGREE WAFFLE DISAGREE
2. What is the upside of submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.
3. What would submission to each other look like for us as a Life Group?