

READING GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 5:22–33

DISCUSSING GOD'S WORD

1. Who does Paul address in verse 22? Who are they to submit to and who are they to submit “as to”?
2. What two words in verse 33 describe how often a wife should submit to her husband?
3. Why did Christ give Himself up for the church in verse 26? How does he elaborate on Christ’s purpose further in verse 27?
4. How is a husband to love his wife in verse 28? Whose example should a husband follow in and why?

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

1. Why is submission oftentimes seen as a negative thing in our culture? How does Christ example bring beauty to submission instead of hostility?
2. Paul elaborates on his reasoning of submission in verse 23 (“For...”). Why is this important?
3. How did Christ love the church and in what ways does that translate to how the husband should care for his wife?
4. How has God’s Word given you a fuller picture of the marriage relationship? What has challenged you most?

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

- » Out of our reverence for You, Lord, empower us to humbly submit to one another.
- » Thank You, Father, for the example of Christ and how He submitted to Your will. May we submit to Christ as our head.
- » Praise our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, for the example that He has given husbands to sacrificially love their wives.
- » Pray for the Spirit to empower husbands to love their wives as Christ loves the church and for wives to submit to their husbands as to the Lord.