

EPHESIANS

Week of April 28th

DISCUSSION AND STUDY

ICE BREAKER QUESTION – What would you like to do when you retire?

SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION AND STUDY

INTRO – In this passage Paul speaks of marriage as a picture of Christ’s love for the church while highlighting key responsibilities of husbands and wives.

READ – Ephesians 5:22-33

QUESTION – Paul tells wives to submit to their husbands in verse 22. Why do some react negatively to this instruction? How would you explain the biblical idea of submitting?

QUESTION – How does Jesus’ submission to God’s plan for salvation reframe your perspective around submission?

QUESTION – How are verses 25-27 a picture of Christ’s love for the church? How should husbands apply these verses to their marriage?

QUESTION – How can husbands love their wives like their own bodies?

QUESTION – What practical steps can couples take to ensure they are living out the principles outlined in this passage? If not married, what practical steps can you take in your relationships to live out these principles?

QUESTION – Read Ephesians 5:18-21. What significance do you see in Paul addressing marriage right after urging us to be “filled with the Spirit”?

QUESTION – Based on verses 31-33, why is man supposed to leave his father and mother? How does this compare to our relationship with Christ and the church?

Close in Prayer