



# ***Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide***

SERMON DATE: 10/09/2022  
DISCUSSION DATE: 10/16/2022  
TEXT: EPHESIANS 5:21-33

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## **HOW TO WALK IN MARRIAGE**

- I. MUTUAL SUBMISSION IS NEEDED IN ALL RELATIONSHIPS (vs. 21)
  
- II. WIVES, SUBMIT TO YOUR HUSBAND'S HEADSHIP & LEADERSHIP (vss. 22-24)
  
- III. HUSBANDS, AS THE HEAD, BE A LOVING LEADER (vss. 25-32)
  - A. Provider
  
  - B. Spiritual Leader
  
  - C. Protector
  
- IV. WIVES, BE A HELPER WHO RESPECTS HER HUSBAND (vs. 33)

## **FOR CONFERENCING**

1. Understanding that Paul's instructions for marriage in Ephesians 5:21-33 rests within the greater context of chapters 4 and 5, scan through those chapters and look for other instructions that if applied to marriage would result in a marriage that honors God. List those below.
  
2. **Read Ephesians 5:22-33.** What is it about our society's view of male/female relationships that makes the Bible's instructions look so antiquated, bigoted, and sexist to the world? How may those views have had an affect on or impacted even some Christians? What should shape our conscience on these kinds of issues?
  
3. **Read Ephesians 5:21-22.** Verse 21 says we are to submit to one another in the fear of the Lord yet verse 22 says wives are to submit to their husbands. 1.) What does it mean to submit "in the fear of the Lord." 2.) What is the difference between the two verses? How may a husband submit to his wife? **Read vs. 23-24.** On what basis is the wife to submit to her husband?
  
4. **Read vss. 25-29.** What are some specific ways that husbands can love their wives by following Christ's example of loving the church? Describe the roles the husband is to have in the marriage relationship.
  
5. **Read Genesis 2:16-25.** Why did God create the woman? From what did God make the woman? Who gave the name "woman?" What principles can we confer about the man/woman relationship from this passage?
  
6. There are some wives whose husbands do not love them in the way that God commands making it difficult to respect their husband. God has some words of encouragement and help for them. What do you learn from the following verses? See 1 Pet. 3:1-6, now read 1 Pet. 2:21-25. See also Ps. 103:13-14; 1 Cor. 10:13; James 5:7-11; 1 Pet. 5:6-7.