

Small Group Study Guide, Week of November 3, 2024

Ephesians 5:22-33; “Dear Husbands and Wives”

Q: What does a Spirit filled marriage look like?

A: A Spirit filled marriage displays the church’s union with Christ through the wife’s willing submission to the husband’s sacrificial love.

Ice Breaker: What TV or movie family is most like your own? In what ways?

Dig:

1. List what this passage teaches about a) Christ, b) the church, c) the husband, and d) the wife, and their relationships to each other.
2. How does Paul apply the general principle of 5:21 specifically to wives in 5:23-24? Why? How does he address husbands in vv25-33? Why?
3. Review your answers to questions #1 and #2 and reflect on v31. Then, in your own words, express the goal of Christian marriage.

Apply:

4. If you are married, how are you doing applying Paul’s principles? How is your spouse doing? What steps can you take together? If you aren’t married, what principles can you apply in the close relationships in your own life?
5. Both submitting to another and loving another sacrificially are very hard to do. What help does God offer? What steps can you take to experience that help?