

PERSONAL REFLECTION GUIDE

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- What main point from the sermon stood out to you? What did the Holy Spirit convict you of or encourage you with?
- Are there any marriages you admire? What is it about those marriages that make them admirable?
- **Read Ephesians 5:21-24.** From this passage, what other relationship is marriage symbolic of? In what ways?
- How would you define submission? Why does the word stir up controversy?
- How does the church submit to Christ – under compulsion or voluntarily? How might this help wives submit to their husbands?
- **Read Ephesians 5:25-33.** What does the love husbands are called to model look like?
- Husbands, what is the best example of a time when you loved your wife like Christ loves the church?
- How might a wife respond to a husband who loves her like Jesus? What benefit does that have for her spiritually?
- How does a relationship centered on sacrificial love and submission reflect the gospel? How can you keep these ideas as a common part of your marriage?
- How can living out God's ideals for marriage be difficult? In what ways can it be rewarding?
- If you are not married, why is it important to not skip over this passage?
- In your own words, how would you explain the goal of a Christian marriage?
- What elements are vital to a good, godly marriage? Which one needs the most attention in your marriage right now?
- Based on this passage or the sermon, what is one step of obedience the Holy Spirit is leading you towards this week?

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

Read Ephesians 6:1-4. What do you think makes obedience so hard for kids?



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