

# Sermon Discussion Questions

Speaker: Dr. Stephen Burrell    Topic: Ephesians    Scripture: Ephesians 5:1-21

- Briefly summarize the main points of the sermon.
- What questions do you still have from today's sermon?
- Read Vv. Ephesians 5:22-24
  - What does Paul instruct wives to do in verse 22, and how does he connect this to the authority of Christ?
  - What is the meaning of "submitting to your own husband as to the Lord"?
  - How does Paul describe the order of authority and relationship between the husband and wife in verse 23-24?
  - How does understanding Christ's headship over the church help clarify the principle of mutual respect and order in marriage? (See Colossians 1:18.)
  - In what ways can submission be expressed in a Christ-centered relationship that reflects love, respect, and cooperation? (See Philippians 2:3-4.)
  - How can the church support marriages in understanding and living out these biblical roles in a healthy way? (See 1 Corinthians 11:3.)
- Read Vv. Ephesians 5:25-30
  - What command does Paul give to husbands in verse 25, and how does he compare it to Christ's love for the church?
  - How is sacrificial love described in verses 26-27, particularly in relation to cleansing and sanctification?
  - What imagery does Paul use in verses 28-30 to illustrate the care and responsibility husbands have toward their wives?
  - How does Christ's sacrificial love set the standard for how love is to be expressed in all relationships? (See John 15:13.)
  - In what ways can the principle of nurturing and caring for another person's well-being be applied beyond marriage? (See Galatians 6:2.)
  - How does understanding spiritual unity in marriage influence the way couples treat and support each other? (See 1 Corinthians 12:25-26.)
- Read Vv. Ephesians 5:31-33
  - How does Paul reference Genesis 2:24 to emphasize the unity of marriage?
  - What does "one flesh" signify, and how does this illustrate the depth of the marital relationship?
  - What does Paul urge husbands and wives to do in verse 33, and how does this summarize his instructions for marriage?
  - How can the principle of "leaving and cleaving" guide the establishment of strong, lasting relationships? (See Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6.)
  - How does mutual love and respect reflect God's design and character in relationships? (See 1 Peter 3:7.)
  - In what ways can couples model Christ-centered love and unity for their families and communities? (See Colossians 3:14.)