



MARRIAGE: THE JOURNEY

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1 Peter 3:1 - 7

Next Steps

- This week I will make a list of things that I value about my spouse.
- What is one thing we need to “unpack” in our relationship?
- I am committing to follow Jesus for the first time today.
- I am re-committing to follow Jesus today.



Lesson Aim: To grow in understanding God's vision for marriage.

Ice-breaker: What is one thing that stood out to you from Pastor Joe's message this weekend?

1. **Read Ephesians 5:21-33.** What analogy is Paul using to describe marriage?
2. How does this influence the way we view marriage? How does this differ from other viewpoints our culture has about marriage?
3. How does this personally challenge your view of marriage?
4. How does verse 21 set the tone for this entire passage?
5. Paul says wives are to submit to their husbands as to the Lord. What does it mean to submit to the Lord?
6. If you are a wife, how could submission to your husband grow more like your submission to Christ? (Or if you are single, how can you grow in your submission to Christ?)

7. Does submission mean having no opinion/putting your mind in check? Explain.
8. Paul also says husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the church. How has Christ shown His love to the church?
9. The word *love* in 5:25 and 28 is used to translate the Greek word *agapao*, meaning "totally, unselfish, sacrificial love." If you are a husband, how could your love for your wife grow more like Christ's love for the church? If you are single, how could your love for others grow more like Christ's love? Try to be as specific as possible.
10. Why do you think Paul asks wives to respect their husbands while he asks husbands to love their wives (verse 33)? How can you show more love and respect to others (starting with spouse if you're married, but other people as well)?

Daily Devotional Plan

Day 1 – Ephesians 1:1-23

Day 2 – Ephesians 2:1-22

Day 3 – Ephesians 3:1-21

Day 4 – Ephesians 4:1-32

Day 5 – Ephesians 5:1-21

Day 6 – Ephesians 5:22-33

Day 7 – Ephesians 6:1-24