

Prayer: Open in prayer asking for the Holy Spirit to help you to fully understand the concept of marriage to your spouse, the church and to Christ.

Icebreaker: Which of these TV families reflects the way everyone gets along in your family: The Bradys? Cleavers? Waltons? Cosbys?

- **1. Read Ephesians 5:22-33.** What does the word "Submission" mean to you? How do you demonstrate this to your spouse? To the church?
- 2. How did Jesus demonstrate that He love the church? He pursued, gave, and served. What are some examples of each of these?

3. What does it take for a marriage to work?

- 4. Marriage is a covenant-What does "a covenant" mean?
- 5. What principles from Paul in these verses can you work on to help you be a better spouse (or potential spouse)?

Weekly Memory Verse: Psalm 25:15. My eyes are ever on the Lord, for only He will release my feet from the snare. (NIV)