

WHEN TWO BECOME ONE (Ephesians 5:21-33)

Lesson Aim: To consider how the relationship between Christ and the Church can be an example for relationships between husbands and wives.

Prayer: Start your time together by asking the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion or devotional time.

Icebreaker: What are one or two things you enjoy with the coming of Spring?

1. **READ Ephesians 5:21-33.** How does verse 21 set the tone for this entire passage of Scripture?
2. How is our willingness to submit to others affected by our reverence for Christ (v. 21)?
3. What are some ways that the Church's submission to Christ is a helpful illustration of a wife's submission to her husband (v. 22-24)?
4. If you are a wife, how could your submission to your husband grow more like your submission to Christ? (Or if you are a single, how can you grow in your submission to Christ?)
5. Paul instructs husbands to love their wives as Christ loved the Church. What are some ways Christ shown His love for the Church (v. 25-30)?
6. If you are a husband, how could your love for your wife grow more like Christ's love for the Church? (Or if you are a single, how can your love for others grow more like Christ's love for the Church?)
7. Why do you think Paul calls on wives to respect their husbands while he calls on husbands to love their wives (v. 33)?
8. How can you show more love or respect to your spouse? Or others in general?
9. What do you think are your two primary love languages (Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Acts of Service, Gifts or Physical Touch)? Why?
10. What do you think are your spouse's two primary love languages? Why? (Or if you are a single, what do you think are the two primary love languages of a close friend?) What can you do this week to express these love languages toward them?

Close in prayer as the Lord leads you.