

EPHESIANS: Ephesians 5:21-33

This week we began a new sub-series in Ephesians focusing on family relationships.

What, if any, impact have you seen COVID-19 have on marriage and families? Are there ways that it has strengthened relationships? Have you seen it increase tension in families?

Do you think family relationships are important? If so, why? If not, why not?

Where do most people gain an understanding of what it means to be a good husband, good wife, or good parent?

This Sunday's sermon began with the realization that both spouses are called to "mutually submit" to each other or, in other words, elevate their spouse above themselves.

What are some ways spouses can elevate each other above themselves?

What are some ways that spouses put their rights/interests above their spouses?

The challenge for husbands is to love their wives, as Jesus loved us. The point was made that if a husband is focused on being "head of the home" but does not love his wife, he has failed.

Discuss.

Have you ever seen that happen?

The point was also made that "a husband loves his family by leading them but should not try to lead his family without loving them."

Discuss.

The text gave two ways for husbands to love their wives: by nourishing them and cherishing them.

How have you seen husbands do those things well? How have you seen husbands not do those things well?