



HTC SMALL GROUP

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Reverence, Respect, Love

Sermon Date: May 15, 2016

Scripture: Ephesians 5:21-33

Speaker: Pastor Rod Randall

1. Verse 21 commands mutual submission. Are you a “go with the flow” person, or a “my way or the highway” person? When are you more likely to submit? When do you dig in your heels and refuse? When do you see people failing in this area?
2. How does, “out of reverence for Christ” improve your perspective on submission?
3. When you think of the home you grew up in, in what ways did you see Mom submitting to Dad? In what ways did you see Dad submitting to Mom?
4. In these modern times, how does the world react to the command for a wife to submit? What negative connotations come with submission?
5. Verse 22 calls for a wife to submit to her husband “as to the Lord.” Why is this thought added? How does it help?
6. Why is the comparison made between a man being head of his wife, and Christ being head of the church?
7. Are there times when a wife shouldn’t submit to her husband? Can you give examples?
8. Pastor Rod noted that only 3 verses speak to the wife, but 8 verses speak to the husband. What’s your take on this?
9. Verse 25 tells husbands to love their wives. Do you think our culture would be quicker to agree with this command than the command to the wives? Why or why not?
10. How does the example of “just as Christ loved the church” help men?
11. What is Christ’s love for the church ultimately meant to produce? How does this compare to a husband’s love for his wife?
12. Verse 28 says husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. What evidence do we have that husbands love their own bodies?
13. Verse 28 says, “He who loves his wife loves himself.” Why is this true?
14. How does a husband and wife being one flesh motivate both to work toward a better marriage?
15. Why is love the primary need for the wife, and respect the primary need for the husband?
16. Can you give personal examples of how obeying these commands has blessed your marriage?