



Sermon Discussion Curriculum – Our Relationships– Ephesians 5:22-33 – January 22, 2023

Additional Resources:

Building Successful Relationships – Michael & Laura Fletcher – <https://bit.ly/3Qgt7O9>

Healing Relationships – Robby Angle – <https://bit.ly/3ZbQnRt>

Real Relationships – Les and Leslie Parrott – <https://bit.ly/3GiB5BN>

The goal of this time is to have quality connections and time together. Allow God to speak to you through His written Word. Choose questions from Know, Grow, and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you need to use all the questions. We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!

KNOW:

- If you were describing to a non-Christian friend how your relationship with God changed the relationships in your life, what would you say?
- What husband-and-wife team do you greatly admire? Why do you admire them and their marriage? What characteristics about their marriage stick out to you?
- In your view, what one quality or ability sustains a marriage relationship? Why does that quality have such a big impact on the health of the marriage?
- Why would unselfishness be an essential part of a Christian marriage?
- How does a healthy Christian marriage relationship honor the Lord? How does this impact those closest to the husband and wife?
- How is the biblical view of marital leadership different from society? What is or should be distinctive about a Christian marriage?



GROW:

- What service should wives render to the Lord? (5:22)
- What is the relationship of the husband to the wife? (5:23)
- How is the relationship of the church to Christ an example to wives in a relationship with their husbands? (5:24)
- How are husbands commanded to love their wives? (5:25) What are some examples of a husband loving their wife in this way?
- How did Christ prepare a bride for Himself? (5:26-27)
- Are Paul's instructions to husbands and wives interchangeable? Why or why not?
- How is the bond between husband and wife greater than the bond between parent and child? (5:31)
- Which is easier for you to do: to sacrifice yourself or to submit yourself?
- How does the bond between Christ and the church illustrate the love of a husband for his wife? (5:32)
- If you are happily unmarried, or unhappily married, how does Ephesians 5:32 help you not make too much of human marriage?
- How does Christ transform a marriage relationship?



SHOW:

- How does a relationship with Christ transform relationships in our lives?
- Which of these instructions is most difficult for you to hear and obey? Why?
- What is something you can do to help a Christian couple strengthen their marriage?
- How can you treat your spouse with more respect and love this week?
- What may God be asking you to change, do differently, repent of, pray about as a result of engaging with this passage?