

## ***Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.***

Christians are to submit to one another out of our reverence to Jesus. Husbands and wives will demonstrate submission in different ways, but both are to defer to one another and put the other's needs ahead of their own.

Read Ephesians 5:21-33 and use the following questions to help focus on becoming the spouse Christ calls you to be.

### **Questions for Husbands:**

- Am I giving myself up for her? (v. 25)
- Am I treating her like she is holy/set apart from all others? (v. 26)
- Am I using words that refresh/renew her? (v. 26)
- Am I seeing her as the radiant person God created her to be? (v. 27)
- Am I treating her tenderly and gently (no wrinkle/no stain)? (v. 27)
- Am I taking responsibility for the health of our relationship (blameless)? (v. 27)
- Am I loving her more than I love myself? (v. 33)

### **Questions for Wives:**

- Am I seeking to enthusiastically honor my husband like I honor Jesus? (v. 22)
- Am I following his lead? (v.23)
- Am I looking for loopholes to escape following his lead? (v.24)
- Am I respecting him with my outward behavior and inward attitude? (v.33)

A Christian marriage requires the presence and power of Christ. When both spouses are close to Jesus, He helps them stay close to each other.

**Here's a final question for you both: Is my spouse following Jesus more closely because of my example, or in spite of my example?**

## ***Upcoming Marriage Events/Classes***

### **ReEngage Reboot (Pilot Program) – Fall 2024**

Our Marriage Ministry Team will spend the semester learning the new ReEngage materials as they work on their own marriages and prepare to help other couples work on theirs. Pray that God will use this time to help our church become a helping and healing place for marriages.

### **What Works For Us – October 4 - 5, 2024**

Couples from our pastoral staff will share practical marital tips they have picked up from their own experiences. In past years, this marriage event has been highly rated by participants. Don't miss it!

### **ReEngage Reboot – January 2025**

The launching of a new semester with the newest edition of ReEngage materials! Watch for the chance to register, as class size will be limited.