

# Worship Discussion and Reflection Questions

Series: Family Matters  
Sermon: A Profound Mystery  
Scripture: Ephesians 5:21-33

*Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. <sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. <sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup> In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." <sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*

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## Questions:

- What does it look like to submit to one another in context of the church family? When is that good and beneficial?
- How does it change our view of the wife's call to "submit" to know that it is no different than the general command to the whole church family?
- In what ways might a husband, as head of the household, submit?
- How can people (whether in church or family) show grace when we fail each other?
- In what ways does marriage point us to Jesus?

## Guided Prayer:

Thank God for his perfect, husband-like love for us. Thank Him for the image of His love displayed through imperfect marriage. Ask him to help you to love like he loves in the church family and in your own family. Repent of the ways you have failed and ask Him to help you. Praise Him that you are already loved and forgiven in Jesus Christ. Amen.