

## Ephesians – Small Group Study Week Ten

### Verses for the week: Ephesians 5:22–33

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 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. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 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. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

### Questions:

1. This is a much debated Passage. Why do you think Paul uses the relationship of Christ and the Church to describe the relationship of a husband and wife?
2. Verse 31 is quoted in almost every wedding. What does it mean for a husband and wife to “become one flesh”?

**Quote of the week:** Marriage—the roots are deep, the covenant is solid, love is sweet, life is hard, and God is good. John Piper