

PURE MARRIAGE: The Husband's Role – Loving Leadership

Sermon # 3, Ephesians 5:22-33

Main Point: Husbands, lead and love your bride the way Jesus leads and loves His bride.

Getting to Know You

1. What character qualities make a person a great leader? What makes a person a bad leader?
2. What models of marriage do you see amongst your friends and a family? (i.e. the top down marriage, the husband or wife dominates; the 50/50 marriage, man and woman are equal in role; the side by side marriage which preserves value but embraces diversity of roles; or other)

Getting Into the Book: Read Ephesians 5:22-33

3. What does the word 'head' mean when it describes the husband's role? When you think of the example of Jesus in Matthew 20:25-28, what does 'head' not mean?
4. Why do you think many men are passive in their leadership? Why is this not right (see Genesis 3:6, 9, although Eve sinned first, the LORD came looking for Adam)?
5. See Ephesians 5:25. In what way is a husband called to love His wife? Think of some specific examples to share with the group.
6. As a husband, how do you love your wife sacrificially like Jesus loves the church? (Wives, how does your husband love you sacrificially?)
7. See Ephesians 5:26-27. Why is it important for the husband to lead his wife spiritually? How has this happened in your home? If it is not happening, how can you begin to prioritize it?
8. See Ephesians 5:28-30, 33a. In what ways are you as a husband nourishing and cherishing your wife? Wives would you agree?
9. See Ephesians 5:31. Why is it important for a wife to know that her husband is steadfast in his love for her?
10. For the wives: how can you be a help rather than a hindrance to your husband fulfilling his role as your leader and lover?

Prayer

Husbands, pray that God would help you become the leader and lover your wife needs you to be. Wives, give thanks to God for your husband. Pray that the Lord will use you to help your husband become all that God wants Him to be.