

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

BRAND NEW MARRIAGES

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DISCUSSION

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2. How can we thank God for everything—even for circumstances that appear bad? See Romans 8:28 and James 1:2-4.
3. Take a look at Eph. 5:21-24. A. What does it look like for a wife to submit to her husband? Also see 1 Peter 3:1-6. B. Why do you think that so many people find these passages uncomfortable? See Genesis 3:16.
4. In vv. 25-30, Paul mentioned several ways that Christ loves the Church. For each of these ways, what is a practical parallel of how a husband should love his wife? Also see 1 Peter 3:7.
5. Read Eph. 5:31-32. How is marriage like the relationship between Christ and the Church?
6. Verse 33 is a summary. Why do you think Paul emphasizes a husband *loving* his wife, and a wife *respecting* her husband?

APPLICATION

In our society, marriage is often seen as a contractual obligation that can be dissolved when it no longer “feels right.” But the Bible points to a different vision for marriage. Think and pray about what the Lord is saying to you in this passage. If you are married, is He calling you to repent of any thoughts, attitudes, or actions toward your spouse? If you are unmarried, what is He telling you about your relationship to Christ and other believers through this passage?

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