

**Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 5:21; 25-27**  
**Walk in Love Part Six**

*The man who loves his wife above all else on earth gains the freedom and power to pursue other noble, but lesser, loves.*

-Dr. David Jeremiah

**1) Mutual Submission: The foundation of healthy relationships. (Eph. 5:21)**

- How would you define mutual submission?
- Think of ways that mutual submission works in various relationships within mankind.
- How important is a godly marriage in America? Do you think there has been a spiritual attack on marriage and/or the family? What are the signs of such an attack? How do we stand against such warfare? (Luke 4:1-12)

**2) Mutual Submission: The call upon the godly husband. (Eph. 5:25)**

- How can husbands seek the highest good for their wives? How can communication from a wife help facilitate this?
- If husbands take on the “shepherd model” of loving their wives, what are the 4 points we can learn & apply from John 10:11-14?

**3) Mutual Submission: The goal of the godly husband. (Eph. 5:25-27)**

- What 3 things does the text say Christ did for His church?
- How have we all received these 3 areas of Christ’s love?
- What is the outcome of the husband’s goal? How can we exhort and/or encourage this in the church?

**2) Mutual Submission: The method of the godly husband. (Eph. 5:28)**

- What does it mean to be “one flesh”? How does this help us understand mutual submission? (Matt. 19:4-6)
- Does marriage have God ordained roles and still mutual submission? Can one be both shepherd and servant?