

Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 5:21-24
Walk in Love Part Seven

As God by creation made two of one, so again by marriage He made one of two.

-Thomas Adams

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

- How do both husband and wife submit to God as one?
- How is mutual submission expressed by both husband and wife in God's design for marriage?
- Thinking of the marriage epidemic in America, how important is the application of God's biblical standard?

2) Mutual Submission: The call of the godly wife. (Eph. 5:22-24)

- Examine Ephesians 5:22-23 and identify the what, who, how and why of the passage and discuss the concepts as a group.
- Col. 3:18- Examine the idea of submission that is "fitting" in the Lord. What might this best look like? Can you think of bad examples, i.e. unfitting submission?
- *The Genesis Model:*
 - In God's design of family, marriage and worship, how does the women help man? Think of "help" in terms of partnership, of complimenting and/or making stronger/whole!
 - In Genesis 3:1-13, what concepts stick out within God's design for marriage? How might we view sin as harming the unity and love within marriage? What are modern examples of this? We can we understand our wiring and/or roles in marriage as functional, but not creating superiority or inferiority?
- Examine Matthew 19:4-6 and discuss the key concepts of biblical marriage. What are the essential elements within a biblical marriage? Explain various ways we can "separate" biblical marriage as ordained by God.