

Ephesians 5 v22-33 - Discussion Questions

- We talk about the “roles” of husband and wife but others prefer to use the word “ministry” to describe our roles. Why is “ministry” a good term for how a husband and wife relate to one another?
- How do you think the concept of marriage has changed since the Apostle Paul’s time?
- What does it mean for a wife to submit to her husband?
- According to **verse 23**, why should a woman respond to her husband with respectful submission?
- Why is it significant that a man’s role of headship is from the Lord?
- Do you think most Christian husbands have been properly taught about what biblical headship looks like? Why or why not?
- How does looking at Jesus help husbands in their role in marriage?
- What does it mean for a husband to love his wife sacrificially?
- Why is it vital that a husband convince his wife that he loves her?
- Do you think the majority of Christian wives today have a solid handle on what it means to express respectful submission to their husbands?
- Marriage partners each have a role of ministry. Describe what happens when one partner stops trying.
- The Bible calls a husband and wife “one flesh.” According to the Apostle Paul what is depicted in a marriage union? (See 5:32)
- Pastor Paul described a one flesh union as intimacy in marriage. Do you recall his definition of intimacy?
- According to the teaching, what is “diminished intimacy” in marriage, and how does it happen?
- What is the result of a marriage suffering from diminished intimacy?

- What needs to happen for a husband and wife to have intimacy restored in their marriage?
- How and when does obedience come into play in marriage?
- How should husbands and wives pray for their marriage roles?