

Growth Group News

Family Matters: It Takes a Good Wife, Part Two

INSTRUCTIONS: THESE QUESTIONS ARE INTENDED TO CAUSE US TO THINK MORE DEEPLY ABOUT OUR FAITH IN VIEW OF THE SERMON. YOU MAY NOT GET TO EVERY QUESTION. ONE QUESTION MAY INDUCE OTHER FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS OR CAUSE A LARGER DISCUSSION. OUR PURPOSE ISN'T TO 'DISCUSS THE SERMON' SO MUCH AS IT IS TO TAKE OUR CONSIDERATION OF THE PASSAGE DEEPER SO THAT WE CAN LIVE CHANGED LIVES.

ICE BREAKER QUESTION

How do you communicate that you are unsatisfied with the service you received at a restaurant (not the food! The service.

UNDERSTANDING QUESTIONS

1. Read Ephesians 5:22-24. Why are these some of the more controversial passages in Scripture for our culture (and even our churches)?
2. Read 1 Peter 3:1-4, Colossians 3:18, and Ephesians 5:22-24, 33. Assuming you are a Christian and that you take the word of God seriously, because you take God seriously, is there anyway that these verses can be legitimately ignored?
3. How does the relationship between Christ and the Church picture marriage and how do the roles men and women play in marriage picture the relationship between Christ and His Church?
4. Make a short list of those to whom you are in submission daily. Since submission is something we accept in every other area of life (work, play/sports; education) why do you think wives struggle with it in marriage? Are wives to blindly submit to their husbands in any and all cases, even when the husband asks her to sin or rob banks? Does the Bible teach this kind of blind submission? Why, or why not?
5. There are times when wives are tempted to play Holy Spirit with their husbands and confront him with his shortcomings. Read 1 Peter 3:1-4 and discuss the danger in this.
6. In Ephesians 5 and Colossians 3 we see examples of the appropriate response to those who exercise some level of responsibility over us (husbands to wives, parents to children, and employers to employees). At the same time, we also see explicit instructions that those in authority are given by God above. If we trust God, then we will obey Him. How would this look according to these passages? Is obedience optional?
7. 1 Peter 3:1-4 speaks to the burden a wife must bear (women have it rough) when a husband asks disobediently. What course of action is prescribed in verse 1, 2, and 4? How is this different from becoming a 'doormat' for a husband's bad behavior? Why is this also an example of worship (v. 4)? What is the harm in taking this matter into her own hands and ignoring God's 'advice (Proverbs 14:1)?'