



Being Men of God in a Dark World
High Meadow Ranch Men's Bible Study | Ephesians 5: Part 2 – Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Most of us would have to admit we're living in dark times. What used to be right is often considered wrong, and standing for the right things can often result in criticism and even public backlash. Paul's letter to the Ephesians is a book for a "time such as this." The early church in the ancient city of Ephesus faced similar challenges as we do today in being disciples of Jesus. The pagan culture did not recognize God and certainly did not see Jesus as God's Son. In his letter, Paul addresses some of the most important Christian concepts contained in the Bible including the Holy Spirit, salvation, spiritual warfare, marriage, and even parenting. May the Lord use this book of the Bible to impact us all to be more like Jesus!

Overview of Chapter 5b

Verses 22-31,33 Instructions for husbands and wives
Verse 32 The Mystery of the Church

Verses 22 through 31

1. For wives what does "Biblical" submission look like (or *should* it look like)? Consider reading verse 21 and think about what "submitting to one another" looks like generally. Sometimes we're not very good at doing that in general.

2. If you had to describe how Jesus lived His life in relating to others, what would you say? Is there anything about Him that would not make you want to submit to Him?

3. Read verses 22 and 33, what commands are given specifically to wives?

4. For husbands what does "Biblical" love look like (or *should* it look like)?



5. In verses 28-29 Paul talks about how the husband is to care for his wife. What does this look like? Also consider Paul's comments in I Timothy 5:8.

Verse 32

6. What is the mystery spoken of in verse 32? Consider Romans 11:25. This is one of the most topics in all of the Bible and will definitely generate some "fruitful" discussions during our discussions together.

Verse 33

7. The instructions provided in verse 33 seem so simple, but what makes having a solid and thriving marriage so difficult? What areas of your marriage need the greatest improvement? As an alternative to the second question, consider providing thoughts where you've seen the greatest growth in your marriage.

8. What advice would you provide to a young couple who just married?

Our next study (Tuesday, May 7)

Read Ephesians 6:1-9. What is the greatest desire you have for your children and grandchildren?