

**“SUBMITTING TO ONE ANOTHER OUT OF  
REVERENCE FOR CHRIST IS WORSHIP”  
EPHESIANS 5:18-21  
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*Questions for Study and Reflection*

1. Please find some way to emblaze these points on your brain! (a) The church is a people who have been redeemed by God in Christ and therefore where the people of God are there the church is; (b) the appropriate contexts for working out mutual submission—in this order—are the home, small clusters of families who do life together in the name of Christ, and larger gatherings of the church like the Sunday morning worship service; and (c) the call to mutual submission is the call to humility, but this call does not undo the God given authority structures in the church as a whole or in the family (see Eph. 4:11ff; Eph. 5:22ff; Col. 3:18ff; 1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Pet. 3:1-12; 1 Pet. 5:1-7).
2. How does the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life give rise to your desire and ability to submit to others out of reverence for Christ? How does his presence make that submission an act of worship?
3. The desire and ability to submit to others comes from the humility that’s in our hearts by the ministry and mercy of Christ. How does this fact make a link between submission and worship? (See Paul’s pray in Ephesians 3:14-19.)
4. How does submitting to one another express and complete our submission to Christ? (See Titus 3:1-8.)
5. Pastor Charlie shared this equation to show the depth of the connection between worship and submission: worship – submission = hypocrisy. Read Isaiah 58:1-14, Amos 5:21-24, and Matthew 23:1-36 and ponder this equation.
6. Do you see how your joy in Christ will increase if you learn to submit to one another out of reverence for Christ, that is, if you learn to view your submission toward others as an act of worship toward God?
7. Discuss with your family the joys and difficulties of submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ in your home. How can you grow in this as a family?