

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

1. Pastor Charlie said, “Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ is central to the gospel because it assumes that we have been reconciled to one another in Christ and this reconciliation is at the heart of what Christ accomplished on the cross and is now working out in our lives and in the world.” Do you see how mutual submission is related to Christ’s work on the cross? Do you see how his work ought to impact the way we live our lives together?
2. Read Ephesians 2:11-22 and answer the following questions: Whom did Jesus reconcile? How did he accomplish that reconciliation? What impact should that have on the way you live your life?
3. Read 1 John 1:1-7 and answer the following questions: Why did John and the other apostles proclaim the gospel to unbelievers (see v. 3)? What does the word “fellowship” mean and what does it imply for our lives together as Christians? Why is it that when we walk in the light we have fellowship not only with God but also with one another?
4. Read Acts 2:41-47 and answer the following questions: To what were the first Christians devoted? How did the selling of possessions display their devotion toward God and one another? Were they forced to sell their possessions? If not, why did they do what they did?
5. Look up the following “one another” passages and note on a separate sheet of paper what you think each of them implies about your life with other Christians: John 13:35, 15:12; Rom 12:10, 12:16, 14:13, 15:5-7, 15:14, 16:16; 1 Cor. 11:33, 12:25, 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:11-12; Gal. 5:13, 5:26; Eph. 4:2, 4:32, 5:19, 5:21; Col. 3:13, 3:16; 1 Thes. 3:12, 4:9, 5:11, 5:15; Heb. 3:13, 10:24-25; James 4:11, 5:9, 5:16; 1 Pet. 1:22, 4:8-10, 5:5, 5:14; 1 John 3:11, 3:23, 4:7, 4:11, 4:12; 2 John 1:5.