

**“WIVES, SUBMIT TO YOUR OWN HUSBANDS AS TO THE LORD”**  
**EPHESIANS 5:22-33**  
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*Questions for Study and Reflection*

1. How is submission related to worship? How can understanding Ephesians 5:22-6:9 help you become a better worshiper?
2. Jesus Christ is Lord over all things: how does this fact effect the discussion about submission and leadership among wives and husbands, children and parents, slaves and masters?
3. Jesus Christ is the ultimate example of what it looks like to live in submission, and he’s the ultimate example of what it looks like to lead for the glory of God and the good of others. How does his example help us to follow his call to submission and humble leadership? (See Philippians 2:1-13.)
4. The word “submit” means “to subordinate one thing or person under another,” which doesn’t imply that the thing or person in submission is inferior. Pastor Charlie said this means that wives and husbands are equal in being but distinct in role. Do you think this is true? Where do you see this in Scripture? How does this effect the discussion of submission and leadership?
5. Pastor Charlie said that wives are called to submit to their own husbands and not to all men. Do you think this is true? How would you ground your answer in Scripture?
6. God has vested much authority in the husbands. Where do you see this fact in Ephesians 5:22-24? (See also 1 Cor. 11:3; Col. 3:18; Titus 2:5; 1 Peter 3:1-6.)
7. Pastor Charlie said that wives are being called to submit to their husbands willingly from the heart. How did he ground this in Ephesians 5:22-24? (Hint: remember the “voice” of the verb.)
8. Pastor Charlie said that essentially the call on wives is to love, trust, and obey the Lord by submitting to their husbands. Why is submission to the Lord the main thing in the marriage relationship?