

# February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Message Discussion Questions

## Redeemed Relationships – Ephesians 5.21-33

**Main Goal (FOR LEADER):** to have good discussion around our roles in marriage and how to live that out today. If you think it would be helpful – you can divide up as men and women to talk about this topic.

**Disclaimer (READ THIS):** Today is not the day for man/woman jokes. There are enough dangerous waters to navigate without having to wonder if someone is joking or not, and we are called to respect one another as we have dialogue around this. Commit as a group you will do this today.

### **REVIEW:**

On Sunday we started a new series called “Redeeming Relationships.” And will be working through Ephesians 5 and 6 to see how God purposes us to live in relationships with one another under the Gospel.

1. This week we focused on Ephesians 5.21-33 where it talks about the marriage relationship.
  - as a group read vv21-33 once just to get a lay of the land. And then a second time looking for specific observations that are true about marriage.

### **Lesson:**

2. In these verses Paul makes clear on a number of occasions that the picture marriage is meant to paint is one of the GOSPEL.

- Go back and read Ephesians 5.1-2 together.
- Now come back and identify all the ways you see in v22-33 that marriage helps us “follow Christ’s example” the way these 2 verses command us to do.

3. Does knowing that the point of marriage is to paint a living picture of the Gospel make you want to change anything about the way you are/will live in it?

- In what ways?

4. (If discussion hasn’t gone here already), now get into the nitty gritty:

- What does it look like today for a wife to submit to her husband? (biblically – meaning use this or other texts as much as you can).

- What makes that hard?
- What makes that easy?

- What does it look like today for a husband to love his wife? (biblically – meaning use this or other texts as much as you can).

- What makes that hard?
- What makes that easy?

5. What’s one thing you’ll apply to your life this week as a result of interacting with God’s Word here together?

### **6. PRAY TOGETHER.**