

respect

Ephesians 5:22-33

Getting Started

1. How do you define “respect”? What actions demonstrate respect in different situations? Can you think of examples?
2. What did you think of the results of the study shared this morning? Were you surprised by the difference between the response of the men and women?



In the Word (Eph. 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:1-6; Genesis 2:15; 3:16-18)

Groups are not expected to discuss all questions!

Love and Respect: Both are found in Ephesians 5. Husbands, love your wives as yourselves (5:25 & 33). Wives, respect your husbands (5:33).

1. (**Ephesians 5:25-33**) What point(s) is Paul making when he uses the relationship between Christ and the church as a way of communicating a wife’s respect for her husband?
2. What objections could be raised to the use of this example? Which would you see as possibly being valid? Why?
3. (**1 Peter 3:1-6**) In the English Standard Version 3:2 is translated, “**when they see your respectful and pure conduct.**” Describe the relationship Peter is addressing in this passage. What are Peter’s instructions for these wives? What word is missing in describing this relationship?
4. How could Peter’s instructions have resulted in a sense of fear? In what way(s) might this relate to what is stated in Ephesians 5:22-24? 1 Peter 2:13, 18?
5. (**Genesis 2:15; 3:16-18**) What relationship do these passages have with Ephesians 5:33?

Application

1. Most people in the church have heard about “unconditional love.” What about the concept of “unconditional respect”? Is it more difficult to do one than the other? Husbands, what will you do this week to demonstrate your love for your wife? Wives, what will you do as a result of your respect for your husband?

Prayer Time:

Coming up in the next few weeks:

June 8-11,	Vacation Bible School	June 22,	New Deacons Installed
June 8-15,	Honduras Mission Team	June 22-27,	MOV Work Camp
June 15,	Blessing of the Children		

How can your group pray for you as you seek to live for Christ this week?