

## **Ephesians 5:22-33** For the week of March 17, 2024

## Reading the Text:

- 1. What was the big idea of the previous text, Ephesians 5:15-21?
- 2. Speaking of marriage in v. 32, Paul says "*This mystery is profound…*". Why is it a mystery, and what is so profound about it? (More precisely, why is marriage representing Christ and the church such a profound mystery?")
- 3. What do vv. 25-27 explain that Christ did for the Church? What do vv. 28-30 explain husbands are to do for their wives? How do you think these two ideas connected in Paul's mind?
- 4. How would you restate v. 22 in your own words? How would you restate v. 25 in your own words?
- 5. How would you state the big idea of Ephesians 5:22-33 in your own words?

## Living It Out:

- After understanding the meaning of this text, has your interpretation shifted at all? How so? Are there ways you've heard this passage abused in the past?
- 2. Have you ever heard that marriage is an image or representation of Christ and His love for the Church? How does this elevate the way you view marriage now?
- 3. How can we as a Life Group encourage each other, whether married or single, to live a life that points to Christ and His love for the church?

