

Marital harmony Eph 5:21-24

Proposition: God wants spouses to serve each other agape (sacrificial type love) whether they deserve it or not.

Ephesians 5:21-6:9 Walking in harmony in our _____

Walking in harmony in our _____

Walking in harmony at the _____

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

The Word “Head” *Kephale* in the Greek when used by the early church meant _____ / _____ 95% of the time it was used by the early church and _____ around 5% of the time it was used.

Ephesians 5:21-27

I want to suggest two things in answer to that question.

- a) Men need to feel _____ to do well in marriage and life.
- b) Men appear to be held more _____ / _____ for the family’s wellbeing before God than their wives.

Husbands, being held more accountable for your family’s wellbeing should not make you _____ or _____, it should make you _____ and _____.

Ephesians 5:25-27

How did Jesus love us?

- a) _____
- b) _____

For further study in small groups

Mixer: What was the ‘best’ advice on marriage you were ever given?

1. What stood out to you about Sundays’ sermon?
2. How are the messages that we receive from our culture counterproductive to a good marriage?
3. Whether you are married or single, why is it so hard to submit your will to another person?
4. Why is verse 21 such an excellent sentence for this section on marriage?
5. What do we learn from vs22-24 about a wife's attitude to her husband?
6. In your own words (vs 25-27) what are a husband's goals for his wife?
7. If you are a wife, in what ways have you found submission to your husband can be more like your submission to Jesus?
8. If you are a husband, how can your love for your wife be more like Jesus’ love for the church?
9. How can a Christian community build and support marriages?

