

1. What should someone who is not a husband take away from a passage/sermon like this? How does the rest of the covenant community learn/benefit?

2. Husbands, how often do you think of the role God has given you in telling the story of Christ's love for his Church? How does it make you feel?

3. Have you witnessed more men struggling with abusing their role of headship or abdicating it? Why do you think this is, and why is it so devastating to women, the Church, and the cause of the gospel?

4. The cultural perception is that women get the short end of the stick, so to speak, in biblical descriptions of marriage. Do you agree? What does this perception say about husbands and the way they have played the role God has given them?

5. Will suggested praying for our wives and repenting to them are good examples of spiritual headship/leadership. Why? What other ideas do you have for each other in this regard?

HINT: Men, listen closely to the women you're called to love and lead!

6. What would laying your life down for your wife look like in your marriage?

7. What would lifting her life up look like in your marriage?

8. Tim Keller writes, "To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God." Discuss and remind each other how God has loved us.