

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Storytellers, Part 2: Wives

August 23, 2015

Ephesians 5:22-33

- 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.) Wives, how often do you think of the role God has given you in telling the story of the Church and her response to her Savior? How does it make you feel?
- 3.) What negative things have you heard people say or thought yourself about “submission” in marriage? How does the Bible define it?

HINT: Will suggested a working definition is “willingly placing yourself under the authority of another for your own good.”
- 4.) Will said that even though husbands are flawed and often fail, Paul presents a comparison rather than a contrast between husbands and Jesus. Do you agree? Why is that important?
- 5.) What is the hardest part about submitting in your marriage? What is the hardest part about respect?
- 6.) What examples have you seen of showing honor to someone who doesn't deserve it? Why is this so hard for all of us?
- 7.) Do you regularly find your value in being an imagebearer of the Creator of the Universe and a child of the King of Heaven, or do you often evaluate yourself by comparison, that “thief of joy”?
- 8.) Is it fair for Will to suggest that respect involves not saying to or about your husband things you would never say to or about your Savior? What would be exceptions to this principle?
- 9.) What other ways do you think of the Church submitting to Christ? How would these apply in our marriages?



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