

Love...it is something all of us want and need. We all have this inner desire to be noticed, to be admired, to be loved. Where does this desire come from? Where does love come from? Is love a feeling, an ability, or much more? Join us as we journey over the next few weeks in exploring the Bible and all it has to say on LOVE.

Icebreaker: If you are married, what are two traits you really appreciate about your spouse? If you are single, what is a trait you find you admire in your closest friends?

1. This week we happened to talk about one of the most controversial passages in the entire Bible. Why do you think this passage has been so controversial?
2. Read Ephesians 5:21: What does it mean to submit? How does society naturally define submission?
3. Read Ephesians 5:22-33: This passage gives us great insight into the differing roles that exist when we commit to mutual submission. Consider some of the following questions...
 - a. What does healthy submission look like for a wife? Give some examples.
 - b. What does healthy submission look like for a husband? Give some examples.
 - c. Why do you think submission is something we all wrestle with and resist?
 - d. Look backwards for a moment, how does the Bible define or illustrate love? Can you truly love without an Eph. 5 type of submission?
 - e. What is the command for husbands in verse 33? What is the command for the wife?
 - f. Why do you think these commands differ? Are there any similarities?

Take some time to continue your study on love by taking a look at some of the passages below:

John 13:34-35; John 15:9; John 15:13; Romans 13:8; 1 Corinthians 16:14; 1 Corinthians 13:4; 1 Corinthians 13:6; Galatians 5:13; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 4:2; Ephesians 5:25; Philippians 4:8; Colossians 3:12; Colossians 3:19; 2 Timothy 1:7; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 John 3:11; 1 John 3:18; 1 John 4:19; 1 John 4:11; 1 John 4:18; 2 John 1:6; Jude 1:21

Prep for next week: Where does fear come from? Are there a few fears that everyone struggles with? Read Joshua 1:1-9 this week in preparation for our week 1 discussion: How to deal with the Fear of Failure.

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