

The Book of Ephesians Bible Study Lesson 20

Ephesians 5:25-33 Questions

The Mystery of Marriage

Pray for the Lord to guide you through this study time.

1. As we begin this lesson we need to ask ourselves some questions:

a. Give a quick statement on how the world views the covenant (promise, pledge, or agreement) of marriage?

b. How do you personally view the covenant of marriage? Married or single, does your view have an impact or influence with the people you associate with each day? Why or why not?

2. For us to understand the full scope of God's plan for us we need to go back to Genesis to the beginning of His Creation. Read Genesis 1:26-31; 2:18-25. What specific elements was marriage created for by God for man? Explain details that promote oneness and why?

3. Read Genesis 3:6-24 to understand the curse we are all under. What was the purpose for God's curse to mankind? Does the curse have any affect on us today and in our relationships? Do we ever think or wish we are supposed to be living in a utopia or garden of Eden here on earth?

4. Read Ephesians 5:25-31 looking at all Christ does for His Church, as also the Christian husband is for his wife. Read the corresponding Scriptures to give more insight to these actions. Keep in mind these actions are not based on feelings, emotions, or desires. What is the motivating factor that drives us to obey?

a. Love - John 13:34-35; John 17:24-26; Romans 5:8-9; 1 Corinthians 13

b. Die, Sacrifice - John 15:13; Ephesians 5:2; Galatians 2:20

c. Sanctify, to Purify, Make Holy, Set Apart to God - John 17:16-21; 1 Thessalonians 4:7-8; Titus 2:12-14; 1 Peter 3:14-15

d. Cleansed and Washed with the Word – 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 2 Corinthians 5:16-17; Titus 3:5-7; Hebrews 4:12

e. Present to God Holy and Blameless – 2 Corinthians 11:2-3; Colossians 1:19-22

f. Love as Own Bodies – Ephesians 5:30; 1 Peter 3:7-9

g. Nourish and Cherish – 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20; Romans 14:7-8

h. Leave Father and Mother, Be Joined, Glued, to Stick To - Matthew 19:3-6

j. Be One Flesh – 1 Corinthians 6:15-17, 7:1-6

5. Why is the marriage covenant important to God? For help read the following Scriptures. Malachi 2:16-17; Matthew 19:3-9; 1 Corinthians 6:14-20, 7:1-6; Ephesians 5:25-33

6. Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:32 “This mystery is GREAT; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and His Church.” That this special union of marriage is representation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, with His Bride, the Church. Read the Scriptures below and write down how it works within the Church body, and also how it can work within the marriage relationship.

a. John 17:21-23

b. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

c. Ephesians 1:20-23

d. Ephesians 2:18-22

f. Ephesians 3:20-21

g. Ephesians 4:1-6

h. Revelation 19:6-16
