



Discussion Questions: Ephesians Chapter 5:22-6:9

1. Christ at the Center

Paul gives instructions to wives, husbands, children, fathers, servants, and masters. What does this passage teach us about how our relationship with Christ should shape every relationship we have?

2. Sacrificial Leadership

Paul commands husbands to love their wives "just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her" (5:25). What does sacrificial leadership look like in everyday life, and what are some ways men commonly fall short of this standard?

3. Loving Like Jesus

Jesus loved the church while she was still imperfect. How does Christ's example challenge the way we respond when our spouse, family members, or coworkers disappoint us?

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4. Raising the Next Generation

Paul tells fathers not to provoke their children to anger but to bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (6:4). What does that balance between truth and grace look like? How can fathers—or spiritual fathers—model Christ well?

5. Working for the Lord

Read Ephesians 6:5-8. Paul says to work "as to the Lord." How would your attitude at work change if you truly believed Jesus was your ultimate boss instead of your employer?

6. Integrity When No One is Watching

Paul warns against "eye-service"—working only when people are watching (6:6). Why is integrity often tested in private? Where are you tempted to seek the approval of people more than the approval of Christ?

7. Authority with Humility

For those who lead at home, at work, or in ministry, Paul reminds masters that they also have a Master in heaven (6:9). How should remembering that we are under Christ's authority change the way we lead others?

8. Personal Application

Which relationship in your life—marriage, family, friendships, workplace, or leadership—is the Holy Spirit challenging you to surrender more fully to Christ? What is one practical step you can take this week to live out this passage?

Closing Challenge

Paul's instructions aren't merely about becoming better husbands, fathers, employees, or leaders—they're about becoming men who reflect Jesus. The gospel doesn't just change what we believe; it changes how we love, lead, serve, forgive, and work. This week, ask yourself:

If someone watched the way I lead my home, treat my family, and work each day, would they get a clearer picture of Christ?