

**Life Group Study Guide**  
**March 26, 2017**  
**IDENTITY CRISIS – DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE?**

**GETTING STARTED:**

If possible, in your group, watch the J.D. Greear talk on Ephesians 5:21-6:9 on Right Now Media. It is 12 minutes long. <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/195647#8>

**Read Ephesians 5:21-6:9**

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Ephesians 5:21. What does it mean to “submit” to other Christians out of reverence for Christ? Give examples.
2. What if God’s intention in marriage was not to make you happy by giving you the perfect mate but to teach you to love like Jesus by giving you an imperfect mate that you can learn to forgive like He forgave you? Does that change your outlook on marriage? If so, in what way?
3. Today, submission has a negative connotation. In practical terms, what does it mean for a wife to submit to her husband?
4. Verse 5:25 says “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loves the church”. How did Christ love the church?
  - a. How does the modern-day view of marriage compare to this passage?
5. Verse 31 says that “a man shall leave his father and mother and be united to his wife”. Do you think this also applies to the woman?
  - a. If you are a parent, what does this mean to you? Should you be involved in your children’s marital spats and/or problems?
6. It is interesting to note in verse 6:33 that it says “a husband must love his wife as he loves himself, and a wife must respect her husband. Why do you think it differentiates between the two?
7. What does God ask of all children, and with what promise? What is the difference between obeying and honoring?
8. What do you consider to be the ideal employer/employee relationship? Based on the text in verses 6: 5-9, how should an employer treat their employee? How should an employee treat their employer?

**BOTTOM LINE:**

**Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ!**

