

Session 13 Study Questions

Role of Men in the Church

Man as Husband – Ephesians 5

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word.”

Ephesians 5:25

1. Many have suggested that the role of man as husband has become blurred and confused in our society? Do you agree? If so, can you give some examples?
2. Husbands and wives share more responsibilities in our society today, such as financial provider. For what reasons has this shared responsibility become more the rule than the exception?
3. Is it easier today than fifty years ago for men to abdicate their role as husband in a marriage? If so, why?
4. The evangelical church has made many attempts to reverse the blurring of the role of husbands in Christian marriages and reinforce the commitment to marriage among men. Can you give some examples? Can you think of examples in our local congregation?

5. Others suggest that the church may at times, just as society, undermine the role of men as husbands? Do you think this is the case? If so, give some examples.

6. Read Ephesians 5:21-33. What key characteristic displayed by Christ to be emulated by Christian men cements the marriage relationship?

7. Among other characteristics of marriage is the contract. Identify some ways in which the church can strengthen the commitment of Christian men to the marriage contract.

8. Do you believe that the marriage contract, that is, a responsibility of Christian husbands to their wives, includes care of one's own body?

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