

Loving Leadership | 02.01.09

1. Which part of this week's message impacted you the most? How so? Why?
2. Pastor Earl suggested that the teaching of Ephesians 5 is important because it indicates that the roles a husband and a wife play reflect a higher eternal purpose: Jesus' relationship with the church. Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not? How does your response impact the way that you view terms like "head" and "submission" in this passage?
3. What are some of the different ways that the phrase "a husband is the head of the wife" is understood today in the church and in Canadian culture?
4. Why do you think that it is important to understand "head" to be less about role or position and more about responsibility or action? What difference does this make?
5. Jesus' relationship with the church is marked by taking initiative, sacrifice, and provision. This action-oriented, loving leadership that Jesus gives to the church results in changed lives. This is the model that husbands are to follow.
 - Ask the ladies in your group what they believe are the needs of women that men should help meet.
 - What are some practical ways that a husband can show initiative and sacrifice in meeting the needs of his wife?
 - What are some practical ways that a husband can provide ("nourish and cherish," Ephesians 5:29) for the needs of his wife?
6. What do you think of the following statement: "The key to husbands providing this kind of loving leadership is Jesus having a firm grip on their life"? Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?



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