



# SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

## Marriage and Family: Mutual Service

Ephesians 5:31-33 | May 18, 2025



### STUDY QUESTIONS

1. In Ephesians 5:31, what does “one flesh” mean?

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How does it help us understand God’s design and vision for marriage? Read Genesis 2:18-24.

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2. What does the “great mystery” mean in Ephesians 5:32?

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How is it connected to the relationship between Christ and the church?

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3. How do husbands loving their wives and wives respecting their husbands help with realizing God’s design and vision for marriage in Genesis 2:18-24?

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### DEEPER STUDY QUESTIONS

*(If you are married, reflect on your role and responsibility in your marriage. If you are not married, express your understanding.)*

1. How do you demonstrate the selfless love and sacrifice of Christ in your marriage?

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2. In what ways can you apply the divine principles of mutual submission, sacrifice, and service in Ephesians 5:21-33 to strengthen your marriage?

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3. What are some specific steps that you can take to cultivate a more Christ-centered marriage and create fulfilling relationships?

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**USE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY - OBSERVATION, INTERPRETATION, APPLICATION** (biblegateway.com)

*Make observations of a passage and draw conclusions from those observations.*

- **Who** - who is speaking; who is the intended audience; who is present in the moment, etc.
- **What** - what is the passage about; what problem is addressed; what happens; what is being said; what commands need to be obeyed, etc.
- **When** - when is this event taking place?
- **Where** - where is this event taking place, where does it fit in the larger context of the book and Scripture?
- **Why** - why is this message needed, why is it relevant today?
- **How** - how does this change what I know about God and humanity; how do I apply this to my life so that I can follow Jesus more faithfully?