

March 19th, Family Sunday

What were some things from this message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

What comes to mind when you hear the word “submit”?

“Everything communicates something.” What does submission communicate?

Read Ephesians 5:21-6:4

“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. **22** Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. **23** For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. **24** Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. **25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her **26** to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, **27** and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. **28** In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. **29** After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— **30** for we are members of his body. **31** “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” **32** This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. **33** However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **2** “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— **3** “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” **4** Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”

Why does reverence for Christ lead us to submit to one another?

What does it look like practically for wives to submit to their husbands?

Why do you think husbands have more instructions than wives?

What does it look like practically for husbands to give themselves up for their wives?

What is the danger of believing the purpose of marriage is to be happy?

How can adults continue honoring their parents? How does that honoring relationship change?

What are some things you learned from your parents? How do those things affect your own views on parenting?