Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Ephesians 5:25-33

When a Man Loves a Woman

God's Plan for Marriage: Part Two

Getting Started

What is one common characteristic you've noticed in happy successful marriages?

Digging In

1. **Read Eph 5:22-24**. What role is given to wives in the marriage relationship?

2. **Read 5:25-31**. What is the basic command given to husbands? How many times is this command repeated in the passage?

3. How are husbands to love their wives? (v. 25)

4. How would you define this kind of love? How does it differ from the way the word *love* is commonly used in our society?

5. What is the second way in which Paul says that husbands are to love their wives? (v. 28)

6. Why is it logical for husbands to love their wives as their own bodies? (vss. 28-31)

7. How does the husband-wife relationship reflect the relationship between Christ and the church? (vss. 28-32)

8. Paraphrase Paul's summary statement in v. 33.

Getting Personal

- It would be a mistake to think of self-giving love only in terms of dramatic acts of sacrifice. Give five **practical** examples of what it looks like for a husband to love his wife with self-giving love, *just as Christ loved the church*.

- Husbands, how are you loving your wife in a self-giving way?

- How are you loving your wife as your own body?

- Husbands, time for an honest inventory. Read through the passage again and ask God to show you how you can fulfill the role he's given you in practical and meaningful ways.