

Grace-Based Marriage: Roles

May 10, 2009 Ephesians 5:22-33

Introduction

The Egalitarian View: there's no difference between the husband's and wife's roles.

The Complementarian View: the husband's and wife's roles are different and fit each other perfectly

What is the husband's role?

To lead his wife (vv.22-24)

To love his wife (v.25)

To pastor his wife (vv.26-27)

To provide for his wife (vv.28-29)

The husband's role is to be the loving leader who pastors and provides for his wife.

What is the wife's role?

The wife's role is to respectfully follow her husband's lead.

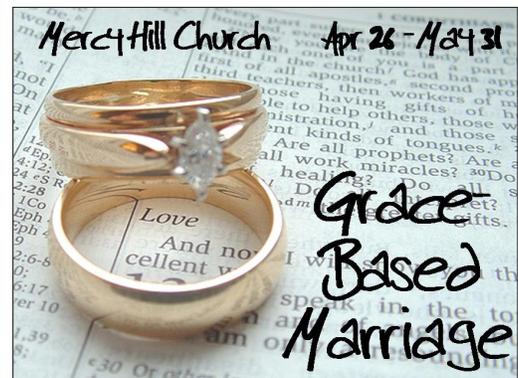
What if the husband is not leading?

What if the husband is being selfish?

What if the husband is leading in a sinful direction?

What if the husband is leading in a foolish direction?

Questions



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(This might be a good week to have men and women meet on their own. It's crucial that this not be a time when we talk about the faults of our spouse. Go out of your way to speak honorably of them. Focus on your own issues and needs.).

Read Ephesians 5:22-33.

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What are some ways this passage has been impacting you?

Have you tended to be Egalitarian (no difference in roles) or Complementarian (husband is the loving leader, wife the respectful follower)? Why? How did Sunday's teaching affect you?

Husbands: what are some ways you pastor your wife? How could you improve in this?

Husbands: what are some ways you are selfish towards your wife? What can you do about that?

Husbands: what are some areas in your marriage or family that need leadership given to them? What can you do about that?

Husbands: will you try to do these on your own — or will you first sink your roots into Christ's grace?

Wives: what's the hardest thing about submission? How has Jesus' grace helped you with this? How can it help you with this?

Wives: what's an area where you are having difficulty submitting to your husband? How can Jesus help you with that?

Wives: do you try to submit on your own power — or do you sink your roots into Christ's grace? What can you do to more regularly sink your roots into His grace?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

