



### APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. After hearing God's design for marriage, is it difficult to submit to those plans? If so, why do you think there is conflict in this area? How can you respond biblically to work through this conflict?
2. **Husbands:** Husbands are meant to show a supreme love that mirrors the love of Jesus. Take a minute to reflect on the measure of Christ's love. Of the five elements of Christlike love in this passage, which needs to appear more in your marriage?
3. **Husbands:** R.C. Sproul says it well, "*After Marriage, the biggest single influence on the wife is the husband. In a real sense the wife a man has is the wife a man has produced.*" This reminds us that the husband is to have a sanctifying love towards his wife. He is to "wash" her with the Word. How will you make intentional plans to accomplish this?
4. **Husbands: Read 1 Peter 3:7.** What does it look like to "*live with your wives in an understanding way?*"
5. **Wives:** How does the pictures of submission within the Trinity and other examples in scripture aid you in the fight for a united marriage? How will you encourage your husband this week? What will motivate your respect of his position in your marriage?

#### **Quote for the Week. . .**

by John Piper



*"The ultimate thing we can say about marriage is that it exists for God's glory. That is, it exists to display God. Now we see how: Marriage is patterned after Christ's covenant relationship to His redeemed people, the church. And therefore, the highest meaning and the most ultimate purpose of marriage is to put the covenant relationship of Christ and His church on display. That is why marriage exists. If you are married, that is why you are married. If you hope to be, that should be your dream."*