

SWEET SUBMISSION

Ephesians 5:22-24

I. Submission is by God's design and for God's glory.

II. Submission is esteeming, affirming, and resigning to your husband's God-given authority.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why is it so important for us to think carefully about marriage and gender in our day?
2. Who designed marriage? What are the specific roles that the husband and wife have been given?
3. What does marriage reflect? How does it point us to God and the gospel?
4. What is submission? What is it not?
5. Why should submission be sweet? And why is it so often not?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Does the concept of submission make me uncomfortable? If so, why? How has the culture shaped my view of marriage and gender?
2. *Wives:* do I esteem, affirm, and resign myself to my husband's God-given authority? Where am I doing well here? Where am I failing, and how can I grow?
3. *Husbands:* does my leadership make my wife's submission bitter or sweet? Are there areas where, because of my lack of servant-hearted love, I am making it difficult for my wife to submit to me?