



lyona bible church

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS – FEBRUARY 28, 2010

Announcements – Please read these to your group!

Please check your bulletin and the website (www.lyona.org) each week for additional information.

- **THEOS:** A new semester starts Sunday, March 14 beginning at 9am.
- **Sportsman's Banquet:** This year's expo and banquet will be held on Saturday, April 24 starting at 4pm.

Desperate Households: Leadership, Part 3 (Ephesians 5:25-33)

Questions

1. What was the most interesting idea or principle about this Sunday's message?
2. When you got married or if you are dating, was there someone in the relationship that led? What are your expectations of leadership in the home? Have you communicated that to your spouse?
3. In our culture, male leadership in the home is a dividing issue. You have the male chauvinists that place women as second-class citizens and you have the feminist movement that fights for women to lead the home. Why is this an issue? And is there a balance for male leadership in the home?
4. Why is the man commanded by God to lead the home? What does this look like?
5. Have someone read Ephesians 5:25-30. How is the husband commanded to love his wife? Why is this so difficult?
6. Have someone read Ephesians 5:31-33. What are the implications of a husband leaving his parent's home and making a new home with his wife? What is a husband to provide for his wife?
7. After reading through this passage, how is the man commanded to lead his home? Talk through some examples.
8. Do you, after hearing the sermon this Sunday, need to confess anything or repent of anything? What in your life needs to change?

Prayer Requests

A place to write out your groups' prayer requests

SERMON NOTES

Each header with sub-points is a slide used in Sunday morning's PowerPoint presentation.

Text: Ephesians 5:25-33

Speaker: Michael Fraser

Message: Desperate Households: Leadership, Part 3

The desperate condition of leadership!

- "The world is in desperate need of leadership!"
- Especially in the HOME!

Ephesians 5:25-33

- **Command:**
 - "Husbands *love* your wives"
 - A husband loves, not through emotion, but by an act of the will, desiring and seeking the highest good for his wife.
 - A husband can only love this way as he is empowered by the Spirit of God. (Eph. 5:18)
 - The Love Test!
 - *1 Cor. 13:4-8*
 - *Patient, Kind, not Jealous, not Arrogant, not Rude, not Selfish, not Angry, Truthful, Hopeful, Enduring.*
- **Illustration:**
 - "As Christ loved the Church"
 - A husband loves by giving up, not giving in!
 - *Giving up on himself so that his wife can fulfill her God designed purpose.*
- **Formula:**
 - "Nourish and Cherish"
 - A husband loves by helping his wife come to maturity and by providing security:
 - *Physical, Emotional, Spiritual, Psychological*
- **Why is it important for the husband to love this way?**
 - We know the tangible love of God by expressing it in marriage.
 - He has chosen the spouse to be the reflection of His love in a Physical/Touchable/Tangible way.
 - Wives should feel God's love through the love of their husbands.

This is the kind of leadership that our homes are in desperate need of!