

Session 11: JOINT

Colossians 3 v 18-21—Living for God

Big idea:

Because of Christ and what he has done, our relationships matter; wives and husbands, parents and children—living to please the Lord.

Guidance on questions:

2.

Wives	Husbands
submit to your husbands	love your wives

3. To follow the godly lead of another.

5. As Christ loved the church and gave himself up (was willing to die) for her.

EXTRA QUESTION YOU COULD ASK:

Which is easier, to love or to submit—given the description here of what it means for a man to love his wife?

6. By dying on a cross in our place, and reconciling us to God.

He loved us enough to die for us, so we could know God. There is no love greater than this.

7. One that loves her as Christ loved the church. One who wants her to grow in godliness and holiness.

8. One that loves her as Christ loved the church. One who wants her to grow in godliness and holiness.

9. Yes, because he will want what's best for her. He'll want her to become more like Jesus and want her to love Jesus more, so he'll make decisions that make that possible.

10. Yes, because she will be saying that she wants to be more like Jesus, and wants to love him more. So when her husband leads her, guides her, helps her, supports her and isn't harsh with her—he'll see her growing to be more like Jesus.

SCENARIOS:

- A boy who's not a Christian asks you out. How do these verses help you answer?

If you want to marry a Christian, so you can submit to him as is "fitting in the Lord" as God says is right—you need to date a Christian.

- A boy who says he's a Christian asks you out. He doesn't come to church all that often and says reading the Bible isn't that important. How do these verses help you answer?

If you want to marry a Christian who will help you love Jesus more, you need a boyfriend who wants that too. If he isn't bothered about growing more like Jesus—he won't be bothered about help you love Jesus more either.

11.

Children	Fathers
Obey your parents in everything	do not embitter your children

13. It pleases the Lord. It's how God has created us to live. God loves his children to obey their parents. We are his children, and are to obey him too.

SCENARIOS:

- You're ready to go out, but when you come downstairs, your parents look at what you're wearing and send you to change before you go out. How do you react?

Not losing your temper. Talking to them, discussing it rationally. Listening to why they are asking you to change. Trusting that they want what's best for you.

- Your parents, who aren't Christians, say you can't go to church because they want you to spend time with them on a Sunday. What should you do?

Don't lose your temper, don't disobey them. Talk to them. Show them by the way you live that you love Jesus. Talk to them about why it's important to you. Is there a way you can come to a compromise? Are there other Christian groups you can attend? Could you go a service at time, which also meant you could spend time with them? Let them see how loving Jesus has changed the way you live and speak.

15. Do not embitter their children or discourage them.

16. Of course.