Sermon based Bible Study

*\*Based on Sermon (Ephesians 5:21-6:9) preached on 4 Sep 2022 @ Agape Methodist Church*

How to use this Bible Study:

1. Study can be used for personal devotion or DG setting.
2. Discussion questions are based on sermon preached on 4th Sept 2022 at Agape Methodist Church.
3. Where necessary, participants can refer to the recorded sermon (at AgMC’s website) for help with the questions.
4. Remember to leave enough time for the word of God to sink deep into our heart and ask God to help us do His will.

**READ:** Sermon text (Ephesians 5:21-6:9)

**RELATE:**

Q1: Why is it important to include 5:21 to the entire passage on the “household codes” (5:22-6:9)?

Q2: What did the Apostle Paul mean when he instructed the Christian wives in Ephesus to submit to their husbands “as to the Lord”? Why is this instruction considered subversive in the days of Paul?

Q3: Do you think what the Apostle Paul suggested as roles between a Christian husband and Christian wife **is wise** i.e. the husband is to take the lead in major decision-making processes and especially on spiritual nurturing of the entire household? Why or why not?

Q4: What do you think is / are the reason(s):

1. Why some Christians wives are not submissive as Paul suggested?
2. Why some Christian husbands are not taking the lead in the spiritual state of their households?

Q5: What can be practical steps for both husband and wife to come together and cultivate mutual submission?

Q6: It is always a delicate balance between cultivating obedience in your child and not exasperating them. How do we ensure that we disciple our next generation properly without causing unnecessary frustrations or mistrust along the way?

Q7: Do you think this world can be a much better place if we all follow the biblical principles of mutual submission as laid down by the Apostle? Do you think what he said is realistic? Why or why not?

**REST**

As you close the study, give yourself to prayer or even close in a time of worship. The recommended worship song is “Your Will Be Done” by CityAlight.

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