## **Ephesians | "The S-Word"**

**Reflection:** Before reflecting on this week's sermon, spend some time thinking about what God is doing in your life this week. What is he teaching you? What are you struggling with? What can we celebrate and how can we rejoice and worship God? What needs can we meet of people in our church or community? Who and where can we be serving? Who are you trying to reach and talk to about Jesus? Who have we been having gospel conversations with? Spend some time praying as we seek to reach our full potential in Christ and for our mission to make disciples.

**Text: Ephesians 5:21-24** 

**Sermon Recap/Reflection:** Take some time reflecting on the following questions:

- 1. What especially stood out today?
- 2. Why would God highlight that for me today? (Why did I need that?)
- 3. What does that imply for my life? (How should I do life differently based on what God is showing me?)

## **Questions:**

- 1. From what we have seen, what would we say are the big reasons so many marriages struggle?
- 2. Why should being filled with the Spirit lead naturally to submission? Do we see this in our own life? What does how readily we submit say about how Spirit filled we are?
- 3. What causes us to not want to submit to people that we are supposed to submit to?
- 4. How does mutual submission in a relationship lead to oneness, happiness, and security?
- 5. Why is sacrifice so hard? In what ways do we try to avoid sacrifice? Why does sacrifice strengthen a relationship?
- 6. Why is respect such an important part of the marriage relationship?
- 7. What does this passage teach us about how our relationship with Christ should be like?
- 8. What steps do we need to take to be more in line with God's design for marriage to be characterized by sacrifice, submission, and respect?