

Does the Church Need to Be Putting an Emphasis on the Bible?

1. Eph. 5:23 - Christ is the head of the church.
 - a. Col 2:8-9 - If Christ is mans authority, the Gospel, Christ' purpose, should be regularly revisited.
 - b. Eph. 1:22-23 - Christ is the head of the church and believers make up the body, the means of sharing the Gospel.
2. Eph. 5:24 - The church must submit to Christ
 - a. James 4:4-10 - Submission to God requires humility.
 - b. Eph. 5:21 - Believers must submit to one another for the church body to operate.
 - i. Eph. 4:1-16 - Believers must be unified.
 - ii. Rom. 12 - Believers should sacrificially give of self for the church body.
3. Eph. 5:25 - The church must love like Christ.
 - a. John 13:34-35 - Christ lovingly sacrificed himself for the church which means the church must have sacrificial love like Christ.
 - i. Phil. 2:1-5 - Believers must be moved towards Christ and humbly apply attributes such as love, mercy, joy and others.
 - b. Gal. 6:1-3 - The church must love by keeping others accountable with Christ as the standard.

Discussion Questions

Ice breaker: What is your best church memory? (crazy youth group game, fun trip, foundational message)

- Why does Christ need to be a part of the church (Eph. 5:23-25, Eph. 1:22-23)? What will happen if Christ is not a part of the church (Col. 2:6-10)? How does keeping Christ as the focus of the church create a healthy church body (Acts 2:42-47)?
- How does submission relate to the Gospel (Eph. 5:24, Rom. 12)? Is submission just humility (I Peter 5:5-6, James 4:7-10)? How do you practice submission to Christ (Eph. 5:15-21)?
- What does it mean to be a unified body of believers (Eph. 4:1-16)? How is the Gospel involved in church unity (Phil. 2:1-11)? What creates disunity, or chaos (James 4:1-6)? Is there a limit of humility and submission for unity (Rom. 12, Matt. 18:15-35)?
- Would you die for another person (John 15:13)? Where would you draw the line for laying down your life for someone else (Eph. 5:25)? Should there be qualifications for giving your life for another person (I John 3:16-18)? Is your life a resource you can give?

Digging Deeper: What is biblical submission? (Eph. 5:32, I Peter 2:13-17, 5:5-6, Heb. 13:17, Pro. 3:5-6, Rom. 13:1-7)