Questions from the Message *February 7, 2021*

Growing up, who was 'in charge' in your household of...
-What you were going to eat for supper?
-the remote control?
-the chores you were to do around the house?
-what vacations you were going to take?
-mowing the lawn?
-what car you were going to have?

- 2. How was it decided who was to be 'in charge' of these things?
- 3. Was there an understanding that someone was the 'head of the household' in your family?

-If yes, were you ok with that, or did it bother you?

-If not, how were difficult decisions made if there wasn't agreement on what decision to make?

4. If you are married or have kids, are you doing things in a similar way, or different? Why or why not?

READ...1 PETER 3:1-7...Ephesians 3:22-33

5. When you read the word...'likewise' or 'in the same way', what would you say this is referring to?

-it's said to both the wife and the husband. What do you understand this to mean?

6. Who do these passages tell us the wife is to be 'subject to' or 'submit' to ?

-Who does it NOT say she is to be subject to?

7. Why is the idea of submitting to someone else so difficult and abrasive to many people?

-Why do you think for many it's even harder in a marriage relationship?

8. Does this passage teach women are to be submissive to men in general?

-What about the workplace? -What about in society?

9. When you read that husbands are to live with their wives...how would you explain this? 10. What does it mean to love your wife like Christ loves the church?

11. After reading Ephesians 5:25-33

-how would you describe how a husband should act toward his wife? -How would it look in practical ways?

-how is this different than how a boss or someone in authority should act toward those who are in submission to them?

Read...Ephesians 5:21

12. Why do you think this comes right before the section on marriage? How do you see this applying to the 3 different relationships we have looked at over the last 3 weeks?