



Study Guide

For Group
Or Personal
Bible Study

Care (for him)

Week of May 17, 2009

Warm-Up

Which of these TV families reflects your family: Cleavers? Flintstones? Brady's? Huxstables? Waltons? Simpsons?

Opening Prayer

Leader or conversational prayer: Welcome God into your study; praise Him for His loving care in our lives.

Study

- Read Ephesians 5:18-21. How do the statements about the control of the Holy Spirit affect your attitude toward the statements on submission?
- Read verses 22-24. The culture of Paul's day addressed women through their husbands, and by Jewish law termed a woman a "thing". In his own culture would Paul be considered a chauvinist or a radical feminist?
- Jesus' love led him to die for us. What would it mean for a husband to LIVE with his wife with this same type of love? Read verses 25-33. How did Jesus act out His headship?
- How did your parents approach marriage? Two masters? Two servants? One master, one servant? What's the goal of Christian marriage? Read verse 31. What role does sex play?

- What should a wife do when the husband doesn't provide spiritual leadership?
- Whom do you look up to as a good role model for marriage?
- What is God saying to you about your mate? Your family?

Closing Prayer

Conversational prayer: voice your requests to God and others; ask God for the conviction and attitude to care for and serve your mate and others.

Resources For Digging Deeper

His Needs, Her Need – Willard Harley
Love Busters – Willard Harley
Give & Take – Willard Harley