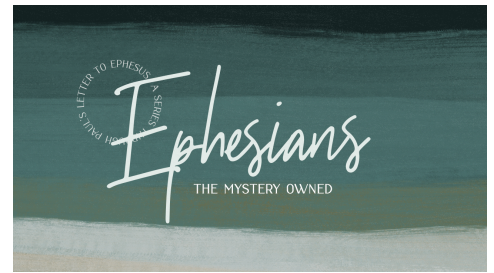


# Northland Christian Church

## Group Discussion Guide - Ephesians 5:21

### For the Week of February 14, 2021

---



Use the questions below as a springboard for discussion. Do not feel like you have to answer every question. These are intended to help spark discussion. Refer to as needed. Ultimately we want God's answers not man's opinions. Always land where God lands. (ex: Where do we see that in the Bible?) Give grace. Give time for growth. Don't force it.

## Connection and Introduction

- When do you feel most alive? Most loved? Most respected?

## Engage the Scriptures - Read Ephesians 5:21 with the group.

## Discuss It

1. Do you think our culture has a strong view of leadership and authority? Why?
2. How do you think this affects people's view of God?

Submission is the Greek word *Hupotassó*. This means to place under by rank. It means to honor and respect another. It's having equal value yet different roles. **We submit to one another out of honor and respect for Jesus and one another.** - Dave Rizer

Perhaps the reason we don't respond well to this and the verse that follows is that we keep taking our cues from culture or the pain we've experienced from others along the way. We keep looking everywhere but Jesus. We look at everyone but Jesus as a reason for the way we feel about this word.

When we look at how Jesus lives this out and ultimately responds to His heavenly Father with love and respect, we see the power and beauty of what submission really is.

3. How does viewing and thinking about Jesus first help us understand and view submission correctly? How did Jesus model submission?
4. How could submission be a life-changing element of respect, love, and honor?
5. How might it be dangerous and damaging to families to let examples of those that have

failed to live up to Godly standards determine, and dictate our lives, our definitions, and our pursuits in life? Where should we look? Why?

### Following Jesus should positively impact all of life's relationships. - Dave Rizer

6. How has this happened in your life? Where is it missing? (See: Galatians 6:2, Philippians 2:3-4, Hebrews 10:24-25)

### God uses everyday relationships to practice *hupotassó*/submission every day. - Dave Rizer

Dave mentioned 4 major categories where submission should occur for the follower of Jesus.

- 1) God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)
- 2) The Word of God
- 3) Leadership (Biblical & Civil Leadership)
- 4) Relationships (Marriage, parenting, work, etc.)

7. In which of these areas is it easier to submit? Where do you struggle to submit? Why? How could that change?

### Apply It - Gratitude & Prayer

8. What is God calling you to adapt or adjust in your life as a result of today's passage and discussion?

Spend a few minutes in gratefulness and prayer.