

that verb?

Sermon Notes

“Submitting to One Another”

Ephesians 5:21

February 18, 2024

5. What motivates Christians to submit to one another (Eph. 5:21)? What do you think: Is this a proper motivation? Consider 2 Cor. 5:11; 7:1; Matt. 10:28-31; Acts 9:31 as you build your answer.

6. When you are in disagreement with someone else, how do you handle it? Are you happy to follow someone else's lead?

7. In the coming week find three ways that you can humbly put someone else first instead of fighting for your own rights.

Let's Pray

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 02-18-2024

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Getting Started:

1. What comes to your mind when you hear the word "submit"? Doormat? Cringing? A beat-down? Or does the word have any positive connotations for you? How does our preconception of the word impact our interpretation of it in today's Scripture text?

Digging Deeper:

Read Ephesians 5:15-21.

2. Review the five participles (-ing words) that are offered as the evidence of being filled with/by the Holy Spirit. How would you describe these evidences in your own words?
3. How is the verb "submit" used in these other contexts? (Luke 2:51; 10:17; Rom. 8:20; 1 Cor. 14:32; 15:27-28; Eph. 1:21; 5:24; Phil. 3:21; Titus 2:5, 9; 3:1; Heb. 2:8; 12:9; 1 Pet. 3:22; 5:5). Are there any patterns that you discern?
4. How is the addition of "to one another" to the command to "submit" (Eph. 5:21) unique? How are we to explain this without negating all the other one-directional usages of