



## Resources

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## Mother's Day | John LaShell

### Ephesians 5:29-6:9

For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

Ephesians: A Gospel for All of Us

#### I. Ephesians 1-3 The Gospel Explained

- A. In the triune work of salvation (1)
- B. In the individual experience of salvation (2:1-10)
- C. In the multi-ethnic breadth of salvation (2:11-3:21)

#### II. Ephesians 4-6 The Gospel Applied

- A. To life in the church (4:1-32)
- B. To life in the world (5:1-18)
- C. To life in in the family (5:18-6:9)
- D. To life in spiritual conflict 6:10-24

## Life Group Leader Notes:





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• John LaShell noted that Ephesians 1 speaks to the materialist, the deist, and the fearful. How does this chapter give a clear answer to each of those perspectives? What makes this chapter so powerful?

• The idea that God loves us exactly the way we are may make us or others feel good why is the Bible's message (Ephesians 2) more compelling?

• Why is it important for the church to be unified? Why is it so hard? What keeps you from being unified with the church?

• Consider the Apostle Paul's instruction about relationships (chapters 4-6) which he writes after he's emphasized the Gospel message in chapters 1-3. How does this intentional context affect the way we read chapters 4-6?

• When you examine your life, what seems to be at the center? Is the church a priority for you? For your family? How can your group demonstrate a love for the church this Summer?

