

# *Radical Marriage*

## Week 2: Men and Marriage

1. Read Ephesians 5:25-33 and Colossians 3:18-19. What stands out to you from these passages? What questions come to mind?
2. Have you seen “prolonged adolescence” in our culture? Why do you think men refuse to grow up? Where have you seen positive examples of godly men?
3. Look up the following passages about Jesus and notice His different character traits:
  - John 11:33-38
  - Revelation 19:11-16
  - John 2:13-17
  - Matthew 19:13-15
4. Ephesians 5:23, 25 talk about husbands leading their wives and families spiritually. What could that look like? Have you seen this lived out?
5. Ephesians 5:25-30 is also about men sacrificing and serving. Do you see this in the church? Why or why not? What keeps men from sacrificing for their families?
6. How can women encourage and help their husbands lead well? How can we encourage and help young unmarried men live this out?
7. The following acronym sums up true manhood:
  - R - Rejects Passivity
  - E - Embraces Integrity
  - A - Accepts Responsibility
  - L - Leads Courageously

If you're a man, what is the hardest of those to live out? As a woman, which one of those most appeals to you? Why?

Spend some time in prayer for the men in our church and the men in your life. Pray that God would awaken in them a desire to lead and serve.