1. **General counsel for all believers**
   a) Ephesians 5:21 What does it mean to submit to one another? (See also Philippians 2:3-4)
   b) According to Paul, what is our motivation for mutual submission?
   c) How did Jesus model this principle of mutual submission? Philippians 2:5-8

2. **Counsel to Christian wives**
   a) Ephesians 5:22-24 What does it mean for wives to submit to their husbands “as to the Lord”? (See also Colossians 3:18)
   b) These verses have been misused by some to justify unhealthy domination and abuse. How should we understand these verses in the context of Christ’s relationship with His church?
   c) Being subject “in everything” sounds all encompassing. Are there any exceptions where a Christian wife should not be subject to her husband? Acts 5:29, Proverbs 4:14-15
   d) For those of you who are Christian husbands, what is the most important lesson you have learned from this inspired counsel?
   e) Some of you are single. What is your most important take-away lesson from Paul’s counsel to husbands and wives?
   f) Ephesians 5:33 What are your thoughts about this summary statement by the apostle Paul?

3. **Counsel to Christian husbands**
   a) Ephesians 5:25 How does Christ’s model of sacrificing love set an example for Christian husbands?
   b) We all grew up in less than perfect homes with less than perfect examples. How can we learn to love with such self-sacrificing love?
   c) In addition to a call for self-sacrificing love, what other guidance does the apostle Paul give to Christian husbands? Ephesians 5:28-29 (See also Ephesians 6:4, 1 Thessalonians 2:7)
   d) For those who are Christian husbands, what is the most important lesson you have learned from this inspired counsel?

4. **Christ’s love and care for His church**
   a) Ephesians 5:25-27,30,32 What impresses you the most as you read Paul’s description of Christ’s love for His Church?
   b) When did you come to the realization that you are greatly loved and cherished by Jesus?
   c) How can we help others to realize how precious they are to Jesus and how much He loves them?