Oakbrook Church
Identity – Follow the Leader
Ephesians 5:21-33
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Why is it so hard to follow the leader? In every area of our lives, God places authorities over us. Some authorities are worthy of our following and some are not. How do we respond? In chapter 5 of Paul's letter to the Ephesians, Paul says, *"to submit to one another out of reverence for Christ."* This mutual submission is part of following Christ. The message for us is following Christ is learning to follow the leader.

Four aspects of mutual submission:

1. Mutual submission with the Spirit is _____.

2. Mutual submission first requires an _____.

3. True biblical mutual submission:
   Isn't abusive
   Isn't one-sided
   Isn't for strangers
   Isn't just obedience
   Isn't a loss of identity
   Isn't a loss of joy

4. True biblical mutual submission:
   Is _____ to _____ the leader.

For Reflection:
- Why is mutual submission such a difficult topic?
- Who has God placed in authority over you?
- Who do you have authority over?
- What is the purpose of mutual submission?
- Where do you need to learn to follow the leader?