



## “Marriage From the Beginning”

### (Re)Discover Marriage Series

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“The Lord God said, ‘It is **not good** for the man to be alone.’” Genesis 2:18

“For Adam no suitable helper was found. So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep, and while he was sleeping, He took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.” Genesis 2:20-22

- “The man said, ‘This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man. That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.” Genesis 2:23-25

**GOD** created marriage!

“Those who marry **will** face many troubles in this life.” 1 Corinthians 7:28

What are the purposes of marriage?

#### 1) **PROCREATION**

· “So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number....’” Genesis 1:27-28

#### 2) **ILLUSTRATION**

· “Wives, submit to your husbands **as you do to the Lord**. For the husband is the head of the wife as **Christ is the head of the church**, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, **just as Christ loved the church** and gave himself up for her.” Ephesians 5:22-25

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- You can’t **UN-ONE** what God has made **ONE** !
- God says, “I **hate** divorce.” Malachi 2:16

## C3 Group Questions

**Accountability:** Were you at church on Sunday to grow & learn? Did you read/listen to the Bible & pray this week on a regular basis? If so, share what stood out to you in your time with God?

**Ice Breaker:** Who is a couple you know of that is an example of a good marriage? What do they do that shows you they have a good marriage?

**Review:** What one thing stood out to you (either helpful, insightful or troubling) from the weekend's message?

### **Group Discussion:**

If married, share your story of how the 2 of you met.

If married, which of the following statements are you most grateful for in your marriage? Which would you like to focus on for growth?

- Our mutual help & support.
- The companionship we share.
- The sizzle of our romance.
- The intimacy of our relationship.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If single, how does the story of Adam & Eve, make you feel?

- Feel like I need a spouse to be complete.
- Reassures me that it's normal to need companionship.
- Confirms that God is in control of my life & relationships.
- Convinces me that God does not want me to be lonely.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

In Genesis 2:24, what does it mean that a husband & wife become one flesh? Does that mean singles are incomplete?

Read Ephesians 5:22-25. What other relationship is marriage symbolic of? In what ways?

- What does it mean for a wife to submit to her husband?
- Why does God call a husband to love his wife?
- How would you explain the main goal of a Christian marriage?

How can this group pray for you this week? Who in this group can you pray for this week?

**Next Steps:** (*"Do not merely listen to the word.....Do what it says."* James 1:22)

- If married, use the prayer cards from Sunday to pray for your spouse each day this week.
- If single, use the prayer cards from Sunday to pray for