



INTRODUCTION

Part 1 - Marriage

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you think most people in our culture value the institution of marriage? Explain your answer.
2. Why do you think people might be negative toward the idea of marriage?
3. Read Genesis 1:26-28. In what ways do you think we are created in the image of God? How are the attributes of God seen more clearly through the different sexes? How does our oneness also point to the nature of God?
4. Read Genesis 2:15-24. Why was it not good for Adam to be alone? Why do you think it is not good for us to be alone all the time? What hints do we have from this passage about our need for intimacy?
5. Why do you think God created Eve from the rib he had taken from Adam?
6. Read Genesis 2:24 again. Why is it important for couples to leave their parents and cleave to one another? What happens when a spouse in a marriage is not willing to “leave” his or her parents?
7. What can we do to grow more intimate with our spouses?
8. Read Matthew 19:1-6. What are some lessons we learn from these verses about marriage? How are these verses as relevant today as they were in Jesus’ day?
9. How can our marriages bring glory to God?
10. How might you apply this lesson to your life?

APPLICATION

In today’s society, marriage is sometimes viewed negatively. This is understandable given the ‘track record’ we have witnessed. Conversely, God’s design for marriage is valuable. The best place to understand His design is in the book of Genesis with Adam and Eve.

God’s creation of man and woman show the need for companionship. Through marriage, intimacy is formed physically, spiritually and mentally.

God created marriage to bring glory to Himself. He made man and woman very different from one another. Together they reflect the nature of God.

After God created Adam and Eve, he told them to “Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth.” Marriage was designed to be the best context for starting and raising a family.

Marriage is a great idea:

A = an **answer** to the need of companionship

B = a **blessing** to God

C = a **context** for having and raising a family

KEY VERSES

Hebrews 13:4

Genesis 1:26-28

Genesis 2:15-25

Matthew 19:1-6