

Prayer Concerns:**Family: Part 2***Resetting the way we view marriage*

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:18-25

Copyright violations of marriage:

1. Marriage is first and foremost about my _____.
2. Marriage is only worthwhile if I'm _____.
3. Marriage is a _____ rather than a _____ for life.

The Purpose of Marriage: The original copyright*Marriage is:*

1. God's answer to _____ through the gift of mutual _____ and _____. [2:18-23]
2. God's _____ for family _____. [1:27-28]
3. A _____ designed by God and _____ with His spirit. [2:24]
4. The safest space for _____. [2:24-25]
5. A presentation of the _____ to the _____.

“Marriage is an institution like any other set up deliberately to have certain functions and limitations... to talk as if it were made or melted with certain changing moods is a waste of words.” [G.K. Chesterton]

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. Have you ever been guilty of plagiarism? And if so, did you get caught and what were the results?

Digging Deeper:

Read Genesis 1:26-28; 2:18-25

1. Pastor Marc mentioned some of the copyright violations of marriage found in culture today. What are some other versions of marriage that don't square up with God's original design?

2. What are the purposes of the marriage partnership given in Genesis 1:26-28 and then in Malachi 2:13-15? If you are married, how would you describe the purpose of your marriage? If not married, what vision would you have for a possible future marriage?

3. What are some of the benefits of marriage described in Genesis 2:18-25? Why should this lead us to praise God? How has culture perverted or mis-ordered God's good gifts?

4. Read Isaiah 54: 5-10. What type of covenantal language is used? What do you appreciate about the character of God in this passage? Why is covenant keeping in marriage such a big deal to God? (See Ephesians 5:31-32)

5. If you are married, think about ways your marriage reflects the "profound mystery" that Paul describes in Ephesians 5? Our culture impacts how we view marriage and our roles. Talk about how current expectations match up with what Paul is describing.

Taking it Home:

1. Review the purposes of marriage described in your sermon notes. If married, does your marriage reflect these purposes? Take time to pray and ask God what might need to change to fulfill His purposes in your marriage? If you are comfortable, look for an opportunity to talk with your spouse about this.