

Fidelity

Genesis 1:27-28, 2:18-25

Taking it Home:

1. Review both the purposes of marriage and the shadow sides to be avoided. Which of the shadow sides might you resonate with most? If you are married, what is one step you can take to make your marriage healthier?
2. For those who are married, share with your spouse the things you are grateful for in your marriage. For those who are single, jot down a list of the type of spouse you’d like to be if you choose to marry, and the type of person you’d like to marry.

Prayer Concerns:**God is the _____ of marriage.****God Purposed marriage for:**

1. _____
Shadow side: _____
2. _____
Shadow side: _____
3. _____
Shadow side: _____
4. _____
Shadow side: _____
5. _____
Shadow side: _____

God’s Grace*Where do you need the help of Jesus in your marriage?*

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. Did you grow up in a home with two married parents? A single parent? A stepparent? What perspective did your upbringing give you on marriage and family?

Digging Deeper:

Read Matthew 19:3-8; Genesis 1:27-28, 2:18-25

1. Why doesn’t Jesus debate divorce with the Pharisees? Why does he focus on marriage instead? What does he say about it?
2. Does God’s call to “be fruitful and multiply” still apply today? What is God’s purpose for family? How does God want to use the family to be a blessing to the world?

3. Read Psalm 121. The Hebrew word for *helper* is “ezer”. The same word, “ezer” is used of both woman in Genesis 2:18,20 and God in Psalm 121. How does this broaden your understanding of the word *helper*? How does it influence your understanding of partnership in marriage?
4. God’s design for marriage is lifelong commitment. What are some of the biggest threats to this level of commitment? How can we protect against these threats? How does faithfulness in marriage help the family thrive?
5. What does it mean to become one flesh with someone? What is God’s purpose for sex? Why did he design it only to be enjoyed in the marriage bed? Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. How does this bring clarity to the issue? What protections can you put in place against lust?
6. In verse 25, what does it mean to be “naked” within a marriage? How does this include much more than our physical bodies? For those who are married, how might you increase vulnerability within your marriage?