

LifeGroup Study SheetJuly 27th, 2025 – Genesis 2 – Marriage Matters

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

When you're working on a project that comes with directions, are you the kind of person that follows them step by step or the kind of person that throws them away and wings it? Are you type of person that likes to follow principles or come up with them on your own?

Digging In

Question 1: Read Genesis 2:18-25. Pastor Jeff started by reading the account of the first marriage in Genesis chapter 2. The design of marriage was created by God back in the Garden of Eden. How did these verses show you the “partnership” that God created marriage to be? How does the creation of Eve with Adam's ribs show this partnership? How do you see marriage established in verse 23-25?

Question 2: Read Matthew 19:6, Genesis 1:28, Ephesians 6:4, 1 Corinthians 7:2. Pastor Jeff continued his first point in saying that marriage is designed to be “permanent, procreating, and pure.” Which one of these principles stood out to you the most and why? Why do you think our society sees marriage in different ways than what God's Word says? How does God's definition of marriage challenge you with where you are currently at in the categories of “permanence, procreating and purity?”

Question 3: Read Ephesians 5:21-33. Pastor Jeff talked about the second reason marriage matters – **“Because it is a picture of the Church!”** This picture is shown to the husband to love and lead like Jesus does His church. And it shows to the wife how to submit and respect the church and Christ. **Verse 25** shows the sacrificial love that a husband should show towards his wife. **Verse 22** shows the deference the ultimate leadership of the husband to for the health and union of the marriage!

How are these pictures of marriage different than the way our culture sees them? How about how you see them?

In what ways husbands, can you lovingly lay your life down for your wife this week?

What is a practical example of this?

In what ways wives, can you see your husband as a reflection of Christ and submit to his leadership?

What is a practical example of this?

If you are unmarried, how could you practice these principles to reflect Christ this week?

Question 4: How is the Lord prompting you to apply or respond to these principles below that speak to your stage of life?

1. If you are not married...

- a. Cry out daily
- b. Chase Jesus passionately
- c. Choose wisely

2. If you are married...

- a. Repent – Reconcile – Restore – Repeat
- b. Its not about “me”, but “we” must center on “Thee”

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?