

PURE MARRIAGE: God's Pure Design

Sermon # 1, Genesis 2:18-24

Main Point: God has given us His pure design for marriage for our good and His glory.

Getting to Know You

(Note to Leader: Please be sensitive to the single members of your group)

1. Who do you know who's been married for a really long time? Tell us how long they've been married and what they are like.
2. How long have you been married? Tell us a funny story about your wedding day.

Getting Into the Book: Read Genesis 2:18-24

Receive your spouse as God's gift.

3. Why was Adam so excited to meet Eve?
4. How are you doing in receiving your spouse as God's gift to you? How do you need to change?

Leave your mom and dad.

5. What are some common ways couples fail to leave their parents? What are some common ways parents fail to let their kids leave?
6. What do you need to do to truly "leave your father and mother" and therefore honor your spouse? What are some ways you need to stop interfering in your children's marriage?

Cleave to one another.

7. What does the word "cleave" mean? (stick to, cling to, hold fast) What are some intentional ways you can continue to "cleave" to one another?

Weave together as one.

8. The sexual union in marriage is the most obvious application of the phrase "one flesh," but in what other ways does a couple become one?
9. What are some "enemies of oneness" that need to be fought against?
10. Why is spiritual oneness so important in marriage? What can couples do to increase their spiritual unity?

Prayer

Pray that the Lord would increase your commitment to unity in your marriage. Ask for His help in the specific areas where you are falling short. Thank Him for providing your spouse for you.