

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

In The Beginning
Week 4: Why Get Married?
Genesis 2:15-25

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Join us in the time machine and let's go back to the beginning of *everything*. In the first chapters of Genesis, we're blessed with a description of the creation of the universe and the origination of humanity. This week, let's discuss how God's original design for married couples still impacts us today.

Kicking It Off:

What would you say is your favorite household tool? How about in the kitchen? (If it's an option, consider a fun mini-game of Show & Tell to bring one of your faves to the group or your screen.)

Discussion:

1. Jeff shared how whether we're married or not, a study on God's vision for marriage still matters. What are some potential benefits for gaining a solid understanding of what God's Word says about marriage?
2. Read Genesis 2:18. What insights did you gain on the meaning of the words "suitable helper" and why English doesn't properly do it justice? How does the term for *help* as in bringing a massive army — or even God as our helper — bring a new appreciation to this important role?

The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

3. When God created Eve, Adam experienced the joy of love for another person. What might be the advantage of a man whose wife is the Most Important Person in his life? How might families benefit and change their lasting legacy if a husband loves his wife as Christ loves the church?
4. In learning about God's vision for marriage, how would you summarize each of these aspects? Why do you think they're so noteworthy?
 - Priority
 - Longevity
 - Solidarity
 - Vulnerability
5. In Ephesians 5:28-31, the apostle Paul reinforces the truth found in Genesis 2. What challenges does society place on couples today? How can the group support you in pursuing relational wholeness, whether or not you're currently married?

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." (Ephesians 5:31)

Wrapping Up:

Part of what it means to be married is to be vulnerable and transparent, without shame, while sharing dreams and intimacy. Pray that each member of your group can pursue relational intimacy the way God intended and support married couples seeking to honor God's plan for marriage.