

Genesis 2: Model of Ideal Marriage Outline

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Scripture Focus: Genesis 1 and 2

What is Genesis 1 and 2 about?

1. It is NOT about marriage!
 - * it is about a relationship with God
 - * it is a portrait of an ideal relationship before sin
 - * it begins with God, not ourselves
 - * it is about how God wants to relate
2. Marriage fits into God's plan
 - * we see that the marriage relationship fits into God's plans of community
 - * the story of creation is covered in only 2 chapters and this means that everything found within this passage is significant

What does Genesis 1 and 2 teach us?

1. Gender
 - * Genesis 1:27
 - * we are spiritual – we are created in God's image
 - * we are sexual – we have gender/male and female
 - * sexuality and spirituality cannot be separated
2. Relationship
 - * Genesis 2:18
 - * the first “not good” in the Bible is that man is alone
 - * we were created to be relational
 - * you are not able to know God very well if you don't have relationships
3. Mutuality
 - * Genesis 2:20
 - * the Greek meaning for a suitable helper is “a power, equal and corresponding to”
 - * there is a profound mutuality between male and female, like puzzle pieces fitting together
 - * the “suitable helper” is someone that is absolutely essential
 - * men mainly see the male part of God and women mainly see the female part of God.....only when we come together do we see the FULL image of God

A Missional Marriage:

- Marriage is the most powerful and obvious teaching tool of mutuality and gender differences.
- Marriage is not a peripheral thing to be taken lightly.
- Marriage is deeply significant in reflecting God's image and his relationship with the world.
- Marriage was never intended to be the end but rather an ongoing mission of showing who and what God is.
- Marriage should constantly look at the image and heart of God.

Genesis 2: Model of Ideal Marriage Small Group Questions (Presentation by Tim Conder)

Use the verses found in Genesis 1:26-2:25. These questions can be used to lead discussion but you are not obligated or limited to the questions below.

1. Why did God call you from singleness to marriage?
2. How did you view the ideal marriage before you got married?
3. What does it mean to have a missional marriage?
4. How does our idea of a missional marriage contrast with society's view of marriage?
5. As a married couple, what are some missions that you can only accomplish together?
6. As a male, what images do you see in God? As a female, what images do you see in God? How do these two images fit together to create a full image of God?
7. How does your marriage demonstrate the image and heart of God?
8. What kinds of community relational activities are you involved in as a couple?
As individuals?
9. What are some concrete ways to show our children how to shape a missional marriage?