

Made For Marriage and Singleness

Made For Good

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Notes

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Read Genesis 2:18-24.

What assumptions have you held about the meaning of the word 'helper' in this verse?

How does knowing that the word translated 'helper' in our Bibles is most often referring to God, impact your understanding of what that word means?

Why do you think Adam's aloneness was not good?

Was Eve made to complete or complement Adam?

Who created marriage and what is the purpose of it?

Why is sexual difference an essential part of marriage?

2. Read Ephesians 5:21-33.

What is the difference between a contract and a covenant when it comes to relationships? And where does love come into play?

How does God's design for marriage differ from the world's view of what marriage is?

What does a healthy marriage show us about God?

If you are married, what is your marriage communicating to others about God? Is there anything you need to change?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 7:1-9.

Do you agree or disagree with the idea that marriage is or has been an idol in the Church?

In what ways is a single person *better* able to reveal God through their lives, than people who are married?

If both singleness and marriage are gifts from God, what implications does that have for how we interact with one another as the family of God?

How should we respond to those whose beliefs about marriage are different from our own?