

## The Mystery of Marriage

### *Marriage Matters*

#### Discussion Questions

- **What was your picture of marriage as you grew up?**
  - How has that picture of marriage impacted your view of marriage today?
  - What other experiences have you had or seen that has impacted your view of marriage today (either positive or negative)?
  - If you're married now, how long have you been married? Have you experienced challenges because of any unhealthy pictures of marriage growing up?
  - If you aren't married now, how do you view marriage today?
- **Read Ephesians 5:31-33.**
  - Why do you think Paul quotes from Genesis 2:24 when talking about marriage?
  - How can Paul say that God's original design for marriage in the Creation is meant to point forward to Christ and the Church?
  - How does the gospel help us to see a better picture of marriage?
- **How does the gospel give us a path to experience a healthy and beautiful marriage?**
  - Why is addressing and repenting of your own sin the first step down the path of a good marriage?
  - What does it look like to "die to yourself" in marriage?
- **If you're married...**
  - What makes your spouse feel joy? What can you do to bring them joy this week?
  - What attitudes or behaviors of yours are unloving to your spouse? What do you need God to change about you?
  - How can you love and respect your spouse this week?
- **If you aren't married...**
  - How does this message impact your view of marriage?
  - If you are looking to be married one day, how does this change what you're looking for in a future spouse?
- **Which of the gospel identities (citizen, family, missionary) does this message most intersect?**