



## GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE

### GENESIS 2:4-25

#### SERMON NOTES

Marriage is \_\_\_\_\_

#### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1) What are some ways that we commonly understand marriage? If you are hoping to be married, are planning to be married, or are married—what is it that you think you are getting yourself into?
- 2) Why is it important to understand how God has revealed himself if we are going to understand what his intention is for marriage?
- 3) In Genesis 1, the phrase “God saw that it was good” is recorded for each day. In Genesis 2:18, God says something is *not good*. What is it that is *not good*? Why is it *not good*?
- 4) Why is it important for us to understand that God is the one who not only takes the initiative to solve that which is “not good”, but ultimately does so by giving marriage?

**Marriage is \_\_\_\_\_ within \_\_\_\_\_.**

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- 5) In Genesis 2:19-20, there was no suitable helper found for Adam. Why were none of the other members of creation suitable? In what ways were animals similar to Adam? How were they unlike him?
- 6) In Genesis 2:23, Adam sees the one that corresponds to him, and rejoices with a spontaneous poem. What does he say in the poem? How does it reflect distinction and oneness?
- 7) Genesis 2:24 begins with a “therefore”, which means that it is based on everything that came before it. Why is it important for us to understand marriage as “distinction within oneness” if we are going to properly understand this sentence?

**Marriage reflects the relationship between \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_.**

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- 8) Paul tells us in Ephesians 5 that this is a mystery that has now been revealed: two becoming one flesh now refers to Jesus and his church. What are some ways that we stand distinct from Jesus, and yet one with Jesus?
- 9) What is the significance of the woman being created out of the man? How does that point towards Jesus? Are there any other elements of Genesis 2 that could point forward to the life and work of Jesus?