## **Session 1 Discussion Questions and Points for Prayer**

Please take the time to write down your thoughts so you can remember them later.

1. When thinking about God's original intent for marriage presented in tonight's teaching, what resonated <u>positively</u> with you?

Husband:\_\_\_\_\_

Wife:\_\_\_\_\_

2. What parts of the original intent for marriage are currently present in your marriage? There are no wrong answers here. Your perspectives may differ.

Just in case you forgot:

\*Imaging God well in the masculine and feminine \*Working together well \*Leaving families and clinging to each other \*Unified in common goals/visions \*Comfortable with each other's bodies \*Sexually fulfilled \*Having a heart for bearing children unto God \*Purposely taking dominion over what God has given

Wife's opinion:

<u>Prayer Point</u>: Thank God for the positives you see in your marriage, even if it's just one thing from the list above. And then pray that you would begin to manifest more of the attributes in your marriage over time. All for His glory!

3. Describe what drew you together as a couple? Maybe start with a single word like: Companionship—Longing—Admiration Now, expound on that thought.

Husband:\_\_\_\_\_

Wife:\_\_\_\_\_\_

<u>Prayer Point</u>: Thank God for the attraction you have for one another whether physical, emotional, or anything else. Then pray that God would help you to see more and more attractiveness in your spouse.

4. Husband, describe to your wife your thoughts on how God cursed Adam, and how you experience the curse in your own life.

Wife, write your thoughts about what your husband shared:

5. Wife, describe to your husband your thoughts on how God cursed Eve, and how you experience the curse in your own life.

Husband, write your thoughts about what your wife shared:

<u>Prayer Point</u>: Pray that the Lord would give each of you a tender sensitivity to the other's struggle with the curse. And pray that in Christ you may begin to beat back the curses' influence on your marriage.

6. Do either of you battle body image issues that cause disruption/distraction/ dysfunction in your marriage? If so, what are they?

Husband:\_\_\_\_\_

Wife:

<u>Prayer Point</u>: Name those specific areas and ask the Lord to bring healing. Commit to regularly checking in with one another regarding this issue and praying over it faithfully. Recognize the temptation to hide and "cover" yourself from your spouse, and don't give Satan more ground in your marriage. Choose to be fully exposed to one another in body and spirit and ENJOY!!