

# SEASIDE CHURCH // SERMON NOTES

March 17 | Genesis: Divine Marriage

## **SUMMARY**

This morning is the second half of Genesis 2. Last week we learned that Genesis 2 points us primarily to the immanence or nearness of God. So we read about God forming man from dust, placing him in a garden, and giving him the divine command to not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This week we'll learn about God forming woman and bringing the man and woman together in marriage.

## **GROUP QUESTIONS** *(For use with your family, roommates, Community or Bible Group, or individually)*

- Was there anything in the message that surprised or troubled you? Was there anything you'd like to learn more about?
- Read Genesis 2.18-25
- Why are things "not good" for the man in the garden?
- What did Pastor Rob point out about the phrase "a helper fit for him" or "corresponding partner?" Why is this not meant to be degrading to the woman?
- This seems to be a picture of God himself performing the first wedding, what's significant about that? (What do we learn about God and humans or even marriage itself?)
- How does this passage give us a beautiful picture of unity in marriage? What does "one-flesh" mean?
- Share with the group: Was there anything new you learned about marriage? Is there any false idea about marriage that this passage and sermon exposed?
- How does human marriage help us understand our relationship with Jesus? In other words, what is similar and maybe different in a human marriage vs. Jesus' relationship with the church (Ephesians 5.31-33)? Why do you think Paul used this analogy?
- Read Galatians 2.20. What do you learn about our "union with Christ" in this verse?

## **PRAYER POINT**

This is a potentially sensitive topic for marriages experiencing division, those who have gone through divorce, and for single adults dating or desiring marriage. Pray for one another and in response to God's word. Be sensitive to pray for any issues that may have come up in the discussion.

## **FOR FAMILIES WITH KIDS**

Read Genesis 2.18-25. Talk with your kids about what the Bible teaches about marriage.

## **RESOURCES**

The Meaning of Marriage, Tim Keller

The Mystery of Marriage, Mike Mason

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