Faith Community Church
Marriage Blueprint
(Genesis 2-3)

Faith Group Questions
& Discussion Guide



🙏 **Opening Prayer**: Father, open our hearts to Your original design for marriage and help us apply Your blueprint with humility and grace.

🧊 **Icebreaker**: Share one word that describes your spouse if married and the ideal spouse if you're not.

🔑 Key Points

1. Creation. God formed man, breathed life into him, gave him work and boundaries, and only then provided Eve as a face-to-face ally.

2. Distortion. Sin distorted the woman's heart toward anxious control or unhealthy dependence, and the man's strength toward domination or passivity.

3. Restoring her blueprint. A wife restores her blueprint by becoming a trustworthy, life-speaking, peace-cultivating helper.

4. Restoring his blueprint. A husband restores his blueprint through Christlike sacrificial service, leading by laying down his life rather than demanding to be served.

💬 Discussion Questions

1. Did you Obey, Pray and Share, or Practice Being Light last week? Tell us about it!

2. Why do you think God established Adam with identity, work, and boundaries *before* giving him Eve? How does this order still speak to both singles and married people today? (Genesis 2:18, 24)

3. The sermon describes *ezer kenegdo* as a strong, face-to-face ally rather than a secondary assistant. How does this biblical picture challenge our culture's views today? (Ecclesiastes 4:9–12)

4. Read Genesis 3:16. “Desire” can turn into controlling tyranny or unhealthy dependence. In what practical ways can a woman fight the temptation toward either anxious control or looking to her husband for ultimate security? (1 Pet 3:1-6, Ps 73:25)

5. Proverbs 31 highlights a virtuous woman who is trustworthy, speaks life, and cultivates peace. For both men and women, which of these three areas feels most challenging in your current season, and why? (Ephesians 4:29, 32)

6. The sermon says a husband’s God-given strength is meant to cultivate and protect, not dominate or neglect. How have you seen (or experienced) the difference between heavy-handed rule and Christlike service? (Ephesians 5:25–28)

7. Jesus came not to be served but to serve. What does it look like for a husband to lead his home by sacrificial initiative rather than waiting to be asked? What would it look like for moms with kids, or other leadership positions? (Mark 10:43–45)

8. The message ended with a call for men to surrender to Jesus before they can truly lead. Why is personal surrender to Christ the necessary foundation for both husbands and wives who want to live out God’s blueprint? What does this look like? (Jn 15:5, 9)

🛠️ Practical Applications

1. **Honoring**. This week, intentionally speak one public word of honor and one private word of encouragement to your spouse (or to a parent or boss if single).

2. **Serving**. Choose one concrete act of service or peace-building in the home (dishes, bedtime routine, phone-free dinner, schedule adjustment) and do it as an expression of the *ezer* or servant-leader calling. If single, do this with a roommate or teammate.

3. **Restoring**. Set aside 10–15 minutes to pray specifically: wives asking God to make them a safe, life-giving ally; husbands asking God to replace control or passivity with sacrificial love.

🙏 **Closing Prayer**: Lord Jesus, restore Your original blueprint in our hearts and homes, and help us live as faithful allies and servant leaders for Your glory.