



## Marriage

### OPENING

Describe the best married couple you know.  
What do you value about their marriage?

### READ 1 CORINTHIANS 7

- This chapter gives extensive instruction on marriage from nearly any possible perspective (married, single, widowed, etc.). Identify which perspective you are coming from and discuss how Paul's instruction applies to you.

### READ EPHESIANS 5:21-33

- Verse 21 provides the "why" behind the instruction on marriage. How does this impact your view of marriage?
- Discuss the implications of equal love and submission as described in this passage. Have you seen a married couple who lived this out? If so, who and how?

### READ COLOSSIANS 3:18-19

- This instruction is very brief. What are the practical applications that you assumed when you read these two sentences? What brought you to those conclusions?

### MAKING IT REAL:

- Each passage on marriage in the New Testament speaks about God receiving glory from a godly marriage. What about marriage glorifies God?
- The perfect marriage seen in Genesis 2 is a relationship with a purpose. Adam and Eve were called to do a task *together*. If you're married, what ways have you and your spouse done ministry together? If you have not yet married but hope to, what kind of ministry do you desire to do with your future spouse?

*"Marriage isn't simply a way to find individual happiness. A 'very good' marriage can be a beacon of God's light in a very dark world."*

*Tim Ayers*

### PRAYER

- As a group, take time to bless one another and pray for each other's marriages.
- This week: Set aside a time to ask your spouse how they need prayer. Then pray for their requests each day.