



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

READ

Genesis 2:18-24  
Ephesians 5:22-33

Here are some questions and thoughts to help guide discussion:

1. Did anything stand out to you about this week's sermon? Was there anything that surprised you, or that was new to you?
2. To what extent do you think you have been influenced by worldly, feelings-centred views of marriage? In your life, what have been some sources of these false views of marriage? What can you do to be more vigilant and discerning about these things?
3. This Sunday, we looked at what marriage is for. From Genesis 2, we concluded that marriage is for the mission, for the work that God has called us to. What does this look like in your own lives and marriages? How does this truth impact what unmarried people should look for in a potential spouse?
4. Genesis 3:16 tells us a little bit about how marriage was affected by the Fall. How have you seen or experienced this in the world around you, or even your own marriage?
5. Read Ephesians 5:22-33 again. Are these commands conditional? Are they self-serving? Why is it important that Paul does not speak of love and respect as "needs"? According to this passage, what is the purpose of love and respect within marriage?
6. Does your marriage and the marriages around you display the gospel to the world? Husbands, what are some things you can do to love your wives? Wives, how can you respect your husbands? And how can you do those things so obviously that the world sees what Christ's relationship with the church is like, and wants to be part of it?