

What does it mean to be “one flesh”? How have you seen or experienced practical examples of being one flesh in marriage? What does it mean that God created a helper fit for man? How does this and other scripture relate to same-sex relationships?

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Read Mt. 9:6. What is God’s role in marriage and how does this impact our decisions about it? Read Eph. 5:25-32. How does Jesus’s example toward the Church encourage or discourage you about the covenant of marriage? How do you respond to your body when it is sick, broken, or hurting? How can you apply that same approach to marriage?

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### 3. APPLY THE TRUTH

What objections or struggles do you have with God’s design for marriage? Confess them to the Lord and ask Him to help you change and grow in these areas.

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## SEEKING HIM IN MARRIAGE

October 1, 2023

Matthew 19:4-6

**WHEN I FOLLOW GOD’S DESIGN, MARRIAGE IS  
\_\_\_\_\_ FOR ME AND \_\_\_\_\_ TO HIM.**

I. God designed marriage for \_\_\_\_\_. – v. 4

### **Made in God’s Image:**

1. We are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We have \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We are \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We are \_\_\_\_\_.
5. We are \_\_\_\_\_.

*When I follow God’s design, marriage lays a \_\_\_\_\_  
for His creation.*

II. God designed marriage for \_\_\_\_\_. – v. 5-6a

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## SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

### 1. STUDY THE WORD

Read Matthew 19:4-6, Genesis 2:18-25, and Ephesians 5:22-33. Make a compare and contrast list of God's design for marriage and the culture's view of marriage using the Scriptures above. Discuss your takeaways from this list.

GOD'S DESIGN	CULTURE'S VIEW

### 2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Read Genesis 1:26-28. How does the fact that both men and women are made in the image of God impact your view of yourself and your view of marriage? Why is God's design for marriage critical for the flourishing of all creation? How have you seen or experienced the brokenness and consequences that come from neglecting God's design for marriage?

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*When I follow God's design, I can experience true \_\_\_\_\_ companionship.*

III. God designed marriage for \_\_\_\_\_. - v. 6b

*When I follow God's design, my life is a \_\_\_\_\_ of His covenant love.*

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