

Session 1: God's Purpose for Marriage

Homework:

Read chapter 1 from *Love that Lasts*, "The Journey of a Lifetime" OR Listen to the audio, Premarital Session 1, "For this Reason"

Objective: Understand the covenantally-binding purpose of marriage intended by God

Scripture Study: Genesis 2:18-25

1. If God is the one who came up with the idea of marriage (not society, culture, or the church), then how should you view marriage?

2. What are the three responsibilities in verse 24 for a couple who is getting married?

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3. Do you consider divorce an option for Christians?

Why? (Refer to Malachi 2:13-16.)

4. Read Genesis 3 and observe how sin hinders the marriage union. What sin patterns have you begun to see in your heart during this season?

5. How can the gospel help you as you pursue becoming one as a couple?

Recommended Resources:

- “Rich Toward Marriage,” chapter 8 from *The Rich Single Life* by Andy Farmer