Bible Study Questions

Why Do We Marry? - Genesis 2:18-25

Focus

When God Marriage was created by God and is a good gift from God that's to be put to use for His purposes in this world. The institution of marriage is thus grounded in God's original creation and in this first union between Adam and Eve.

Read

Genesis 2:18-25

Listen

CCNYC teaching on Genesis which can be found on our website

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Some Questions for Study and Reflection

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

- 1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage:
 - What's the context? (Where are we in Genesis; the Pentateuch; the Old Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
 - Who are the main characters in this section?
 - Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
 - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
 - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
 - What surprises are there in this passage?
- 2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

Closing Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

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- 3. In what way is it not good for man to be alone and therefore in what way is the woman meant to be a helper to the man?
- 4. What are some ways people might misunderstand and thus misapply this term 'helper'?
- 5. In what ways are a husband and wife meant to complement each other? If you're married, how have you experienced this in your marriage?
- 6. What are some practical ways a husband and wife might partner together in the work of gospel ministry?
- 7. What are some of the biggest obstacles to maintaining unity and faithfulness in a marriage? How might you directly address some of those obstacles?
- 8. What are some of the dangers involved in understanding marriage as a means to 'meet my personal needs'?
- 9. How would you explain from Genesis 2 why marriage can only be between a man and a woman?
- 10. If you're single, how can the church better support you in your singleness?
- 11. If you're married, how can the church better support you in your marriage?
- 12. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like?
- 13. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life?
- 14. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?