

Sexuality and the Gospel:
God's Grand Plan
Genesis 2:18-25
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READ THE WORD/STATEMENT OF FAITH

Genesis 2

We believe the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. We believe that marriage between one man and one woman, for life, uniquely reflects Christ's relationship with His Church. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. Gen. 2:18-25; Eph. 5:21-33; 1 Cor. 7:2-5

STUDY THE WORD

What are the two lenses we should look at sexuality through? (Bible and Gospel)

What is God's Grand Design as found in Genesis 1:26,27?

Define marriage. (the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union)
What is the basis for this definition?
(Genesis 2:18-25)

Read Ephesians 5:21-33. What is Paul teaching us about marriage?

"Marriage is a central story of the Bible and is the picture God gives us to understand the Gospel." How do we know this statement is true?

The Bible starts with the marriage of Adam and Eve. How does the Bible end? (Read Revelation 19:1-10 – Marriage supper of the Lamb). What significance does this add to marriage?

Read I Corinthians 7:1-5. What is Paul teaching us about purity for both those who are not married and those who are married?

SHARE THE WORD

Based off the "Study of the Word" and the Sermon, answer these three questions:

- What is marriage?
- What does marriage represent?
- Why does marriage even matter?

How does your answers to these questions shape the way you view your life and marriage?

PRAY THE WORD

Adoration: Praise God for being the Grand Planner.

Confess: Agree with God that we often make marriage about us and not Him.

Thanksgiving: Thank Jesus for His example of laying down His life and submitting to His Father's Will for our salvation, sanctification, and glorification.

Supplication: Ask the Holy Spirit to give us strong marriages that represent Christ and His Church well.