

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

Discussion Questions

Date: November 23, 2018

Genesis 2:18-25

1. Not everyone had the opportunity to grow up in a healthy family. How can you show gratitude to family members who do not consistently model biblical characteristics?
2. Based on Genesis 2:18-25 and other biblical texts that you are aware of, how would you define biblical marriage to someone who isn't familiar with the Bible?
3. Genesis 2:24 says that a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife. Why must a couple create emotional distance between their family of origin to have a healthy marriage? How have you or others whom you know struggled to "leave" your family of origin and "cling" to your spouse?
4. Read Genesis 1:28 and Psalms 127:3-5. What do these verses teach us about the relationship between marriage and children? In what ways can a healthy family life benefit children as they grow and mature?
5. God said that Adam and Eve were to subdue the earth and have dominion over it and its creatures? How is the exercise of dominion an important aspect of living as God's image-bearers?
6. Pastor Craig talked last week about the ways that God intended for married couples to affect and build up society. What are some ways that marriage is healthy for our society? How has the breakdown in marriage harmed our American culture?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Genesis 2:24. Talk together about the importance of a healthy marriage for spreading the gospel.