



FOR THIS REASON

MARRIAGE AND SEXUALITY ARE GOD'S IDEA.

INTRODUCTION

It's trendy these days to think that men and women are basically the same kind of people inside, and that marriage is whatever we want it to be, however we want to define it. That's why we need to go back to Scripture. There we discover where male and female originated, and we see where marriage came from in the beginning.

NOTES

Watch the DVD and record your thoughts here.

Let's turn to the ultimate authority, the Bible, for our starting point. Read individually or as a group:

THE BACKSTORY

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

-Genesis 1:27-28

And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

-Genesis 2:22-24

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

-Hebrews 13:4

You might also want to read: 1 Corinthians 7:1-5.

Use the blank lines below the discussion questions to record your initial thoughts, questions, and whatever God might be saying to you through the video, so you can review and reflect on all of this later.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

to	hat does the fact that God told Adam and Eve, before they sinned, "be fruitful and multiply" tell us about marital intimacy? What od purposes does it serve?
ac or	you're married, why? Did you get married just because it was the cepted thing to do? Or to alleviate loneliness? To find happiness sexual satisfaction? To have a family? What is the fundamental ason for marriage?

sex ever a physical act only, with no emotional or spiritual mension? Why or why not?
everyday practice, how do you and your spouse include God as e third party in your marriage?
hat has marriage done for your character, your spiritual maturity? In you describe an incident that helped you grow?

TOMORROW

Think of and write down at least one practical thing you can do tomorrow as a result of today's session. **WRAP-UP**

C ince marriage and Sexuality are among God's best inventions, it shouldn't surprise us that they have been greatly affected by the coming of sin into the world. In the next session, we'll take a closer look at what has happened since the Fall.