

Marriage & Sexuality

God's Design, the Bigger Story, and How We Live It Out
Weekly Discipleship Resources - Week of 3.22.26

Quick Small Group Guide

Quick Recap

This week's message approached marriage and sexuality not as a debate to win, but as a story to understand. Scripture frames God's relationship with his people using the language of marriage from Genesis all the way to Revelation — and human marriage is designed to be a picture of that union. From that foundation, the message traced a consistent biblical thread: God's design for marriage is one man and one woman in a lifelong covenant, and sex belongs within that relationship. That consistency across cultures and centuries matters. And so does the call to respond to those living something different with the same grace and love that Jesus modeled.

Read Together

Read aloud as a group:

Genesis 2:24 — "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh."

And: Matthew 19:4-6

Discuss

1. Jesus quotes Genesis when asked about marriage — pointing all the way back to the original design. What does it mean to you that the foundation for God's view of marriage was set at the very beginning of creation, not invented later as a rule?
2. The message said the response to those living something different must begin with love — that "the Gospel must be your primary focus" before anything else. Is that easy or hard for you in practice? What gets in the way?
3. Think about someone in your life who might feel judged or unwelcome because of this topic. What is one concrete step you could take this week to show them the love of Christ — without compromising what you believe?

Closing Prayer

Ask God for the courage to hold his truth clearly and the grace to carry it humbly — especially toward the people in your life who are wrestling with it most.