



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
R O C H E S T E R

**Sermon Discussion Guide**  
**November 6, 2022**

**Refresh**

Read Genesis 2:24-25 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

**Discuss**

How does the timing of God's establishment of marriage show its importance for mankind? How does Genesis 2 refute the idea that marriage is simply a man-made construct?

How does Genesis 2, along with the beginning of chapter 3, point to the responsibility of Adam to be the leader in his marriage? Where else in Scripture is this role affirmed? Why is this important in understanding how God has established roles within marriage?

Why do you think the idea of men and women having differing roles in marriage is often rejected in our culture? In what ways has this been abused by those who profess to be Christians? How might we guard against abusing God's design for how men and women function in marriage?

What does it practically look like for a man to "leave his father and mother" and "be joined to his wife"? If you are married, was this a struggle for you? Why or why not?

Was it a struggle for your parents to let go when you were first married? Why is it often a struggle for parents of adult children to transition to life once their child is married?

In marriage, we are called to "be joined" to our spouse by creating a bond that cannot be broken. What are some rhythms you have established in marriage that have served to strengthen your marriage bond? When has your bond been tested, and what did God teach you during that season?

What does Genesis 2:24 teach regarding sexual relationships? What does the whole of Scripture teach regarding the context of which sexual relationships are permissible? Why do you think the Bible's teaching is rejected, not just by our culture, but by professing Christians today? Why is it important for us to embrace God's design for sexual relationships?