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When you choose to live in oneness in your marriage
you enjoy the essence of God's design

1. In the beginning, God designed marriage to be a relationship of oneness

Genesis 2:18-25

Three essential elements to oneness:

- forsaking one's former family
- fastening oneself to his/her spouse
- forging a new identity together

Matthew 19:3-6

If you're married, living in oneness helps you fulfill your mission of living a rooted and reaching life

2. You experience great benefits from living out God's design of oneness in your marriage

- a. You experience intimacy with one another that is unrivaled by any other human relationship.

Proverbs 18:22

Song of Songs 8:6, 7

- b. You experience security in the vowed love of the other
- c. You experience not instant, but ultimate, agreement in important marriage matters

Romans 12:16

- d. You experience the completion of your "gaps" by the other.
3. There are obstacles that threaten your oneness with your spouse
- a. Being "unequally yoked"

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

1 Corinthians 7:12-17

- b. Living selfishly, demanding that the other meet your needs first

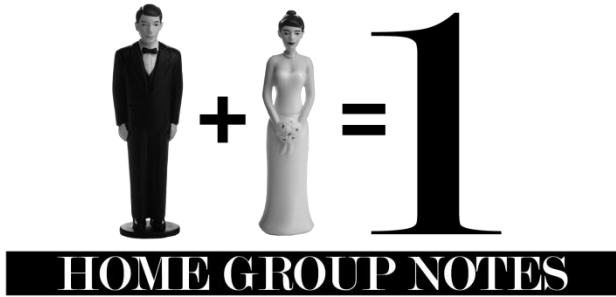
Philippians 2:1-5

- c. Becoming content with isolation and cohabitation

Genesis 2:24

Now What?

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Week of May 13

Oneness

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What is a favorite book, movie, or study on marriage?



Study the Bible

God's design of marriage reflects His character and His purposes. Study the following passages on marriage while considering the Designer.

Read Genesis 2:18-23.

What does God understand about us and our needs? How does naming animals fit in? What might it mean that this is one of the first acts after creation?

According to verse 24, what are three essentials of His marriage design? (The Sunday message also focused on these.)

What do we learn from Matthew 19:3-6 about the meaning of “united” and “one flesh” in verse 24? What would enhance or cause oneness to grow?

If “oneness” in a relationship is God-engineered, what might this say about the Creator/Designer? What might it say about what He wants for and with us? (See also Psalm 42:1; John 13:34-35; John 14:2-3; 1 John 4:9-10; Revelation 3:20)



Discuss Together

What are some ways that “oneness” in marriage can be lived out?

What are some of the challenges to oneness? What makes it difficult?

In John 13:34-35, Jesus told us how people would recognize that we belong to Him. How do our marriages impact our efforts to reach our worlds?



Pray

- For our mission teams going out soon
- For people in your world to see His love in us
- For hurting people in your world



Apply It This Week

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