

# Truth and Culture

## The Union

Genesis 2:15-25

### MAIN IDEAS

- God's design for marriage
- What marriage represents
- Satan attacks marriage

What did God declare to be “not good” in Genesis 2:18? Why was it not good?

Read Genesis 2:24. Who leaves and who holds fast? What do these actions mean?

Who joins the two into one, according to Jesus in Mark 10:6-9?

How much does God care about marriage and why? Consider Hebrews 13:4, Malachi 2:15, and Ephesians 5:22-33.

What does Paul call “good” in 1 Corinthians 7:8? Why is it good according to 1 Corinthians 7:32-35?

Do God's and Paul's declarations contradict each other? Why or why not?

Why does infidelity fundamentally harm a marriage? A relationship with Jesus? The individual? Consider 1 Corinthians 6:15-20.

What was Jesus' attitude toward the woman caught in adultery in John 8:1-11?

How do divorce, cohabitation, and same-sex marriage differ from God's intent?

What does Jesus do for the sexually immoral, adulterers, and homosexuals in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11?

### PERSONAL RESPONSE

Do you have any reservations about God's design for marriage? What is your attitude

toward those who disagree with you?

What is your attitude toward singleness compared with your attitude toward marriage?

Are you content with where God has put you? Why or why not?

Has this study convicted you? If so:

- Open your heart and share your burden with God in prayer. (Matthew 11:28-30)
- Share your burden with one other person and ask for their prayers. (James 5:16)

## GROUP RESPONSE

Consider where God has placed each person in your group. Pray contentment, healing, and growth over one another.

## REPRODUCE

If you are single, seek to mentor or be mentored by another single.

If you are married, seek to mentor or be mentored by another couple.

You can seek mentoring relationships at DEC through friendships, small groups, and the men's, women's, and marriage ministries. You can also speak to a pastor or elder about it.

## KEY VERSES

From the sermon:

- Genesis 1:26-28
- Genesis 2:15-25
- Isaiah 54:5
- Jeremiah 31:31-32
- Hosea 2:16
- Malachi 2:13-16
- Matthew 22:30
- Matthew 26:27
- John 2:1-11
- John 14:1-3
- 1 Corinthians 7:7-8
- Ephesians 5:31-33
- Revelation 19:6-9

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- 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
- Ephesians 5:22-33
- Hebrews 13:4
- James 5:16