### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

For week of September 5, 2021

# **QUICK REVIEW**

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

#### **DIGGING DEEPER**

Our passage this week started with the startling statement that God made saying, "it is not good for man to be alone." What stood out to you about this passage and how does that challenge or encourage you?

How does God's statement challenge our current culture's view that marriage is the "finishing touch" in their life?

How has your understanding of woman being created as her husband's helper changed? How can this deepen both a husband's and a wife's appreciation for this role?

God's design for marriage was for it to be Exclusive, Permanent, and sealed by Him. Explain these as a group in your own words. Which one encourages you the most as you think of your marriage in today's world?

How has your spouse helped you grow in your relationship with God, specifically in how you follow Him?

What can you do to help your spouse more closely follow Christ?

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Missionaries of the Month:** Please pray for Darrell & Annette Dooyema as they serve with the Navigators.

**Office Hours:** Please note that the office will be closed Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, for Labor Day.

**Backstage with the Pastors:** Are you new here? Do you know our names and faces, but not much else? Come to Backstage with the Pastors next Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 (right after 2<sup>nd</sup> service) and learn more about our leaders and who we are as a church. A light lunch will be provided.

Are you new here? Don't let all the strange faces scare you away. Go to our Welcome Kiosk where we've got someone waiting to meet you. We can tell you a little more about us, and we've even got a gift for you!

**SAVE THE DATE!** Marriage Building Conference! **SEPT. 17th 5:30-8:30pm and SEPT. 18th from 9:00am-3:00pm**. We want to make sure you plan ahead and block that weekend off so you can join us for a weekend to help focus on and encourage your marriage.

**Small Groups** are starting soon! Visit the tables in the Commons today to see what groups are available and choose one that fits you and your family.

**Wood Cutting Day:** Join us Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. behind the Youth Home for a morning of chopping and splitting firewood in preparation for the upcoming winter.

**Women's Bible Studies** Women's Ministry is excited to offer 5 studies this session. Classes include a study in Ephesians, John, two sessions in Genesis, and "Jesus Over Everything." Sign up at wpcchurch.org. We start on September 14<sup>th</sup>.



### MARRIAGE OF YOUR DREAMS

Marriage: Trademarked by God
Genesis 2:18-25 (ESV) Jay Farwell September 5, 2021

- 1. God's Provision of a Needed Helper
- 2. God's <u>Design</u> for Marriage is our <u>Delight</u>
- 3. God's Design for Marriage is to be **Exclusive**
- 4. God's Design for Marriage is to be Permanent
- 5. Marriage is a God-Sealed Bond