

These questions are for the February 8, 2026, message, “Good News about Marriage.” Please read the sermon passage (Genesis 2:18-25) out loud.

Passage Outline

The purposes of marriage:

1. Relationship: to be known (Gen 2:18, Gen 1:1)
 - a. Companionship: “It is not good for the man to be alone.”
 - i. God made the man to be dependent on God.
 - ii. God made mankind for us to depend on each other.
 - b. Self-revelation: to take the initiative to share our hearts (like God does).
 - i. To talk about who God is in our lives.
 - ii. To show each other the difference that God has made.
2. Male and female: to be blessed (Gen 1:27-28, 2:22-23).
 - a. Marriage is between one man and one woman (Matt 19:4-6, 5:27-30; Rom 1:26-27).
 - b. The blessing of our differences.
 - i. There are obvious differences: physical, physiological and emotional.
 - ii. There is strength and joy in working together. Great blessing: children!
3. Different: to be holy (Gen 2:18; Eph 5:25-27).
 - a. “Helper” = “military strength,” or “reinforcements.” It is used most of God Himself.
 - b. “Fit for” = “like, opposite.”
 - i. The wife is a “strength of another kind who corresponds to our needs.”
 - ii. The husband takes the lead toward holiness (Eph 5:25-27).

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: One of the keys to self-revelation is knowing yourself, and we know ourselves best when God’s Word divides us, or “does surgery on” our souls. What is God showing you about your weaknesses? How does His grace change you and give you hope? What is God showing you about your strengths?
2. Based on #1, above: How could you improve at talking about God and what He is doing in your life? How could you improve at showing your spouse Jesus’ character? How could you better embrace God’s mission for you?
3. Based on #2, above: How do the differences between men and women work to glorify God? Bless the families of the earth? Make homes happy? Give security? Proclaim the gospel and put Christ on display?
4. Based on #3, above: Wives are a “reinforcing strength of another kind who comes to the rescue.” How does this picture of a “helper fit for him” impact your understanding? How can we improve at valuing the roles God has assigned to the wife? To the husband?