

# January 26 – February 1

## Walk Worthy In Your Marriage

**Icebreaker:** What are common misconceptions about marriage that exist in our culture?

*In this session, we will consider God's purposes in marriage and how that relates to our own experiences or understanding of the institution.*

### Read Genesis 2:18–25

- What is the contrast between what God pronounced about Adam and what God pronounced about every other aspect of his creation (Genesis 1)?
- Why is the woman the solution to this problem? What does this teach us about the inherent need of every person?
- What was Adam's response to the gift of the woman? Why is it important to recognize the essential unity and diversity of the two sexes?
- In verses 24–25, what are the ramifications of this creative event on the institution of marriage? What is specially intended between husband and wife?
- Read 1 Corinthians 7:1–5.
  - What do we learn here about sex within marriage?
  - Why is it required? Are there any exceptions?
- Read Matthew 19:4–6.
  - What do we learn here about the foundation and permanence of marriage?

### Read Ephesians 5:15–22

*In the coming weeks, we will spend more time on the second half of Chapter 5. In this study, we want to consider this passage in general terms regarding marriage.*

- Why is marriage so important in light of the evil of our day?
- Why is the filling of God's Spirit so critical for marriage?
  - How would it affect their marriage if a person's life is characterized by worship, thanksgiving, and a willingness to submit to others?

### Application

- Talk about your parents' marriage.
  - What was good about their marriage?
  - What was difficult?
  - How has their example affected your marriage or the way you think about marriage?
- If you are single, what have been your thoughts and feelings when it comes to marriage?
  - How do we balance an appreciation for the gift of singleness with God's intention for people to marry?
- If you are married, what has helped you and your spouse to find meaning and satisfaction within your marriage?
- Where can we find help if we are struggling in our marriage?