



It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

Happily Ever After

From God's Word in *Genesis 2:18-25* we learn that God said that "it is not good for the man to be alone", and so in His love for Adam he formed from one of Adam's ribs, a "suitable helper." She did not come from the ground as the beasts of the field and birds of the air did. Adam would give her the name "Eve...the mother of all the living" as she is described in the Word. In this, we are given the seed of marriage from God. It is up to us to do the planting and in how that seed grows by watering and nurturing it. The Bible gives us the help that we need to do that.

Three keys God created marriage to be:

1. A **purposeful** union.

Share how God has given you, or you and your spouse purpose in your marriage. What things do you do side-by-side to be like Jesus to those around you? What holds you back from being God purposed? Name some ways that you can show that you and your spouse are in it together.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Genesis 13:7-8; Psalm 133:1; Acts 2:40-43

2. A **sacred** (holy) union.

In what ways do you and your spouse live heart-to-heart? Why is it so important to get God's heart first in order to get our spouse's heart? Share what it means to you that God created the home before anything else.

Genesis 2:18-22; Ephesians 5:28-30; 1 Chronicles 22:19; Job 11:13-19

3. A **permanent** union.

Describe what it means to be doing life hand-in-hand. How does God describe the marriage union? Give some examples of things that are "permanent". Share some ideas of what matters most to God in your marriage. What things can you do to improve upon those ideas?

Genesis 2:24; Mark 10:9; 1 Peter 1:23-25; Isaiah 40:6-8

What's Next

- Learn to cooperate with both God and your spouse, this is when you will find God-purposed success.
- If you have not already, join a LIFE Group.
- Spend time daily in God's Word.
- Don't let go of your spouse.
- Spend quality time with your spouse, God never intended for us to be alone.