

ORIGINS

What is marriage?

- 'why won't we read the manual?'

PURPOSE of marriage

- to help us serve God
 - o help with the task
 - o equal and different ¹
- to help us know God ²
 - o love story

ESSENTIALS of marriage

- leave
 - o human model
 - o divine reality ³
- hold fast
 - o human model ⁴
 - o divine reality ⁵
- become one flesh
 - o human model ⁶
 - o divine reality ⁷

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Anything you want to talk about from what you've heard? Which of the three essentials of marriage do you find most challenging or encouraging?

¹ Psalm 118:7; 1 Timothy 2:12-14; 1 Corinthians 11:8-12; 7:32-35,39; 2 Corinthians 6:14-16

² Ephesians 5:31; Hebrews 8:5

³ John 6:38; Mark 10:29; Isaiah 55:7

⁴ Genesis 15:1-21 Exodus 24:1-18; Genesis 29:21-22; 1 Corinthians 7:39

⁵ Ephesians 5:25; Hosea 1:3;3:1; Romans 5:8; Deuteronomy 11:22; James 4:4

⁶ Mark 10:8-9; 1 Corinthians 7:3-5

⁷ 1 Corinthians 6:16-17; Isaiah 62:5; Revelation 19:7