

**Questions for Reflection and Discussion**  
**Genesis 1-2**  
**God's Plan for Marriage**

**Getting Started**

List at least 4 reasons why people commonly get married.

**Digging In**

1. **Read Genesis 1:26-28.** How does being formed in God's image provide a foundation for human relationships?
2. What was the essential nature of God's original creation of human beings?
3. What responsibility was given to humankind?
4. **Read Gen 2:18-25.** What problem is identified in v. 18?
5. What did God plan to do to solve this problem? (v. 18)
6. What do you think is involved in being a *suitable helper*?
7. **Read Gen 2:19-23.** How did God go about providing a suitable helper for Adam?
8. What do we learn about God's design for marriage in vss. 24-25?
9. How does this passage show that marriage is not just a social construct (something that people invent), but that it is rooted in the created order?
10. How does Jesus reinforce God's original design for marriage in Matthew 19:1-9?
11. **Read Eph 5:22-33.** How does biblical marriage reflect the relationship between Christ and his Church?



**Getting Personal**

- Write a summary statement about God's design for marriage.
- In what ways does God's design for marriage differ from the way most Americans think of marriage?
- How does faithfulness in marriage reflect God's faithfulness to us?
- Take a few minutes to pray for strong marriages at Shoestring.