



Sermon Questions

February 25, 2024 | Scripture: Gen 2:18-25; Matt 19:3-6; Eph 5:31-33 (Marriage, Sex, Singleness)

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Note down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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- 2.
- 3.

Core Questions

1. What have you found challenging about Christian teaching on sex and relationships? Are these issues resolved or ongoing?
2. How does the central metaphor of marriage as union in one flesh make sense of the Bible's teaching on sex and marriage?

Outward Grace in Action

3. Look at the extract below from Ed Shaw's book, *The Plausibility Problem*. Are there ways that you, within and outside your community group, could start to put this reality of church family into action this week?

...Start acting out the Christian reality that family = church, whatever life circumstance God has put you in. Recognize the misstep that family = Mum, Dad and 2.4 children is. It will help others (and you), more than you know.

Start by talking to people of different ages and life situations to find out what they most need and appreciate. [...]

But don't just talk. Do something. Don't wait for others to make this happen. If you wait, almost certainly nothing will happen. So who in your church family are you going to invite to see that film with you on Wednesday night? Who could share that mid-week meal that you'd otherwise be eating alone? Does your summer break give you a chance to organize a holiday that will see a group of families and single people going away together? Acting like a church family doesn't necessarily add a whole host of new things to the 'to-do list'; it just means involving your brothers and sisters in Christ in what you were planning on doing anyway. And you can take the initiative in doing this, whether you're married or single. What could you do today?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Genesis 2:18-25
- Song of Solomon 6-7
- Hosea 3
- Matthew 19:3-6
- Ephesians 5:31-33
- 1 John 3

Serve: Could you invite someone new into your home or life this week?

Pray: Pray for the upcoming Understanding Addiction seminar, that it would be a time of hope and healing and that the Lord would lead people to attend.

Reach out if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org

Additional resources:

You can find more on our

dedicated series Resource Page [here](#).

Article: Rachel Welcher has written about wanting [a better vision of chastity as worship](#) for her daughter than what she experienced growing up in 'purity culture.'

Video: In this 30 minute video, Tim Keller lays out [a positive theology of singleness](#)

Book: Sam Allberry's short book [Why Does God Care Who I Sleep With?](#) is a great way to think more about some of these issues. There's also a 3-minute video on the page linked there, unpacking some of the key ideas in the book.