

Discussion Questions - Two Becoming One
EFree Church, Diamond Bar
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Outline from Sunday's Sermon:

- 1. God's Purpose for Marriage**
 - a. To Mutually Complete Each Other**
 - b. To Multiply a Godly Legacy**
 - c. To Mirror God's Image**

- 2. God's Protocol for Marriage**
 - a. Receive Your Mate**
 - b. Leave Your Parents**
 - c. Cleave to Your Mate**

Discussion Questions (Supplemental Questions for Emerge Below):

1. For those who are married in your group, please share briefly about how you met and how long you've been married.

2. Read Genesis 2:18-25. If you are married, please share one way in which your spouse completes you? If you are single, please share an example of how God is able to use you in your singleness to minister to others.

3. There are many difficult hardships that a couple will face in marriage. If you are married, please share a specific hardship that you and your spouse have had to face in your marriage. What did God teach you through that hardship? If you are single, please share a hardship that you or your family has had to face.

4. Read Genesis 2:24. Leaving "father and mother" involves (a) severing the cord of dependency, and (b) shifting your allegiance to your spouse. What might be a specific example of not severing the cord or not shifting your allegiance? What are some potential consequences of not doing either?

5. If you are married, please share an encouraging aspect about your marriage that you have experienced in recent months. This can be a very simple and practical thing that you've experienced, or it can be some deep and meaningful thing that you've gone through.

Supplemental Questions for Emerge:

1. Have you personally felt any undue pressures about getting married? If so, how has this affected you, and how have you handled it?

2. In what ways should a Christian's approach to dating differ from that of someone who does not know Jesus Christ?

3. Some unhealthy reasons for getting married include (a) the fear of being left out, (b) marrying on the rebound, (c) the fear of hurting the other person, and (d) because you've crossed the line sexually or because of pregnancy. Take some time to discuss any thoughts about these unhealthy reasons for marriage. What are some practical steps that you can take to guard yourself from making any of these mistakes?