

SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS

MAY 28, 2017

1. Read Ephesians 5:25-33
2. Going back to the beginning, what is it that occasioned marriage?
3. What does it show that God said it wasn't good for man to be alone *even though he had fellowship with God at the time*? Moreover, how does God's statement "Let us make man in *our own image*," tie into your answer?
4. In creating the first woman, God was creating an *ezer* (Hebrew word translated as *helper*) for the first man. The word is better translated as *a faithful friend*, as it speaks of one who would faithfully walk side by side in fellowship with another, rendering aid to him. In light of that, we see that God was intending for the marriage relationship to be a deep friendship between lovers. What then are three characteristics of friendship? How should these characteristics be applied to the marriage relationship?
5. What is meant by the statement that friends aren't so much created as discovered? How is the church perhaps the single best example of this?
6. What is the mission of marriage? Where do you see that in the text? Be sure to look at the analogy between marriage and the relationship Christ has with His bride, the church.
7. Why is it important to see God's mission for your marriage?
8. What three practical implications are there to seeing God's mission for your marriage?
9. What application or encouragement can you make from this sermon, regardless if you are married or single (there is plenty of application and encouragement for all)?
10. Pray!