

Study Guide for Part 1: The Foundation

Reflection

Why are you studying the subject of marriage? List the reason(s) and what you hope to get out of it.

The Purpose of Marriage

According to Genesis 2:18, what is the *purpose* of marriage?

“The *purpose* of marriage is to *solve the* _____ *of* _____.”

What’s the difference between being “alone” and being “lonely.”

When do you *feel* lonely?

How do you *cope* with loneliness?

Why are Genesis 2:19-20 inserted into the middle of the narrative of Eve’s creation?

The Goal of Marriage

According to Genesis 2:24, the goal of marriage is to “become _____.”

Intimacy: Knowing and Being Known

What do you think of when you hear the word “intimacy”?

Another way to think of intimacy is “to know and to be known.”

The oneness-intimacy of marriage extends to the entire persons of the husband and wife. It includes their body, soul and spirit.

How does the goal of marriage provide the solution to loneliness?

What relevance does Genesis 2:25 have for all this?