





Discipleship is . . .

*the process of becoming a follower
of Jesus Christ and learning
to follow Him closer and closer
in every aspect of life.*





Your Marriage Matters— Keeping your Spouse the Priority

*We prioritize our spouse when we
prioritize the scriptural teaching
about marriage.*





1. God designed men and women to mutually satisfy each other's deepest relational needs within marriage (Genesis 2:18-20).





- People are social creatures by divine design—we need relationships!
- In general, men are incomplete without a life partner—they need help!
- A wife is a reflective counterpart to a man—she is that helper!





2. God designed men and women as equal partners who have distinct roles within marriage (Genesis 2:21-22).





- Women rank as equals with men in their relationship and worth to God.
- Though created as equals, men and women are distinct in gender and role.





3. God designed men and women to experience great *joy* and a sense of *fulfillment* within marriage (Genesis 2:23).





- God established marriage to be the union of one man and one woman for one lifetime.
- God brings a husband and a wife together— He is the ultimate matchmaker!
- When a husband and a wife are joined together in marriage there should be lasting elation and celebration.





4. God designed men and women to build uninhibited intimacy as the ultimate goal within marriage (Genesis 2:24-25).





- “Leaving”—A couple shifts attention away from previous relationships on to one another.
- “Receiving”—A couple accepts and clings to one another in a permanent bond of love and commitment.
- “Weaving”—A couple begins a lifelong process of building oneness in body, soul, and spirit.





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