



October 11, 2026
Genesis: Prologue - Week 9
Marriage Matters
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Genesis 2:24-25

- I. _____
- II. _____ Fast
- III. One Flesh _____ Jesus

Starting Block

Feel free to share these with a pastor to discuss further.

1. What is one big idea you learned today?
2. What is a word you heard or a thought you'd like to study more?

Deep Dive

Use the following questions this week with family, friends, co-workers, or neighbors to go deeper into what you learned today.

1. Genesis 2:24 says a man leaves his father and mother to hold fast to his wife. Where have you seen that reordering of priority done well? Where have you seen it done poorly?
2. Read Genesis 3:12. Where have you, like Adam, turned your closest relationship into a shield instead of taking responsibility? What would it look like to reverse that pattern this week?
3. Read Ephesians 5:25-32. How does knowing that marriage points to Christ and the church change the stakes of leaving and holding fast in your own life?

Springboard

Family Worship is a great time to jump into next week's sermon. Use these questions as a guide.

1. Have you ever gotten a call, text, or email pretending to be someone they weren't? How did you figure out it wasn't real? What would help you recognize a voice that pretends to speak for God?
2. Read Genesis 2:16-17 and Genesis 3:2-3 side by side. What did God actually say, and how is Eve's version different?
3. Before the serpent offers, "You will be like God" (Genesis 3:5), read Genesis 1:26-27. What did Adam and Eve already have that the serpent was trying to sell them?