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1. God's marriage legacy is described for us in Genesis 1-2 and Ephesians 5. Review the main ideas taught in these passages. What do they communicate about marriage?

Leader Hints:

- *Genesis 1-2: marriage is God's doing and by his design (2:24); fit (complementary); involves the man leaving (the man and woman are now each other's first priority); uniting (passionate pursuit and permanence in a covenant relationship, stick like glue, not coming apart); one flesh (two lives intertwined with each other so that they are now one in every way; the physical illustration of sex is part of that, but it is much deeper than that).*
- *Ephesians 5: marriage is God on display, more specifically Jesus' relationship with the church on display (5:31-32); there is a high calling for our marriages to display Jesus' love for the church.*

2. Given your review, how would you define marriage?
3. How different is God's idea of marriage from the kind of marital relationships present in our society? Explain. Why is that?
Leader Hints:
 - *Things like separation and divorce, same-sex marriage, and living together (some would say that there is no difference between being married and living together) are accepted as normal.*
4. What do you want the legacy of your marriage to be? What are you doing (or what will you do) to make this a reality?
5. What is your dream for your children? What will you do to help them fulfill this dream?
6. What would you hope for our church? How can we best see this hope come to fruition? What is your part in the process?