

WHEN TWO BECOME ONE

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That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

— Genesis 2:24 (NIV)

The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

— Genesis 2:18 (NIV)



EVERY NATION
SINGAPORE

HOOK

 Start the conversation by saying...

"By all means marry; if you get a good wife, you'll be happy. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher." — Socrates

ENGAGE

 Go deeper with this...

What's one funny marriage story you know that you believe paints a picture of marriage? Why did it make an impression on you?

LINK

 Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- Let's discuss three pictures of marriage from Scripture.
- First, we have two becoming one. This is more than physical. It's also emotional, spiritual, intellectual, and financial. Married people need to rediscover their joint identity.
- Next, we become partners with God and each other. The differences of each spouse are designed to complement one another. God has purposes for married couples that are meant to be achieved together. Spouses are not burdens or the enemy; they are partners.
- Lastly, marriage is a sacred covenant made before God. It isn't something people jump into without consideration. More than being under the law, the marriage covenant is sacred to God.
- When marriage happens as it must, it will overflow with love, honor, and fulfillment.

PAUSE

 Pick a question and pray together...

Discuss Together (*pick one*)

- How can this discussion change the way you treat your spouse (if married) or the way you look forward to or consider marriage (if unmarried)?
- If married: Are you cooperating with the process of *becoming one* with your spouse? What might you still be holding on to as remnants of your old identity? (i.e., preferences, hobbies, biological family, career)

Pray Together (*pick one*)

- If unmarried, pray for deep insight into the mystery of marriage that can shape your perspective. Pray to be open to God's will for you regarding marriage.
- If married, pray that you will continue to deeply understand your new joint identity, your partnership with God and your spouse, and the covenant you made before God.

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¹³Another thing you do: You flood the LORD's altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer looks with favor on your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands. ¹⁴You ask, "Why?" It is because the LORD is the witness between you and the wife of your youth. You have been unfaithful to her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant.

— Malachi 2:13–15 (NIV)