

The Promise of Partnership

Protecting the Promise, Genesis 2

June 7, 2020

Community Group Discussion Questions

PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- **Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but select 5 or 6 questions you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.**
- **Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.**
- **You may want to share the link to these questions with everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.**
- **Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.**

ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

1. **Share your name and answer one the following questions:**
 - **What are some of the ways you are different from your spouse, roommate, or one of your closest friends?**

OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes) – Have someone recap the message in about a minute or two and then ask the following questions:

2. **What quote, Bible verse, story, or question stood out to you from this week's message?**
3. **What do you think of Drew's comparison between a contract and a covenant?**
4. **Drew said that God uses our differences to strengthen our relationships while the enemy uses them to divide us.**
 - **How might God actually use our differences to strengthen us?**

DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes) – *ask everyone to follow along in their Bible or Bible app. You might consider pulling up these passages online and sharing your screen to review them together.*

5. **Read Matthew 19:5-6.**
 - **How might this passage impact how we handle our differences in marriage?**
 - **How might this passage impact who and how we date?**
6. **Read Ephesians 5:2.**
 - **How should Paul's statement "out of reverence for Christ" impact how we practice submission?**
 - **What are some practical ways we can submit to each other when our differences collide?**

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)

7. **Single or married:**
 - **What is one thing you want to do differently after hearing and discussing this message?**
8. **If you are married:**
 - **What is one area you can practice submission to your spouse?**
 - **Or to go a little deeper, what area of submission to your spouse may make the biggest difference?**