

# WHO NEEDS Marriage?

## PART 5: THE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE

### INTRODUCTION

Marriage was designed and created by God. We should trust him and follow his instructions and principles for marriage to be healthy, because it's through the gospel that we get both the power and pattern for marriage.

### BIBLE VERSES

Genesis 2:18

Genesis 1:26

Genesis 2:23

Song of Solomon 5:16

Proverbs 18:24

Proverbs 27:17

Proverbs 27:5-6

2 Corinthians 5:17

Ephesians 5:25-27

James 5:16

Hebrews 10:24

Ephesians 1:5

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you seen the TV show *Alone*? Would you want to be on the show? What do you think would be the hardest thing about being left completely alone in a remote location with no technology or physical contact with anybody else for an extended period of time?
2. Pastor Will taught that marriage is a friendship. Read Proverbs 18:24, Proverbs 27:17, and Proverbs 27:5-6. In these verses we learn that a friend is someone who is reliable, someone who sharpens you, and someone who will confront you. Which of these best describe you as a friend? Which of these do you need to work on?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. According to this verse what happens when someone has a relationship with Jesus Christ? How does this create a strong, healthy foundation for friendship, and ultimately for marriage?
4. Pastor Will taught that marriage is for helping each other live out the new creation that God is making us. If you are married, how are you helping your spouse live out the new creation that God is making them? If you are not married, how are you helping your friends live out the new creation that God is making them?
5. Who have you given license to confront you when you start giving up on your commitment to God? If your answer is "nobody," who *will* you give license to? Ask them today to hold you accountable.
6. What will you do this week to urge your spouse or closest friends to love Jesus more than they love you?