

## CREATOR GOD MAKES MARRIAGE

### GOD MADE EVERYTHING

Genesis 1:1, 27, 31 & 2:1

1:1 In the beginning God made the heavens and the earth.

27 God made people – God made people in his image – God made them male and female.

2:1 So God finished making all the many, many things in the heavens and on the earth. 1:31 God looked at everything he made: It was very good!

### HOW DID GOD MAKE MEN & WOMAN?

Genesis 2:7-25

2:7 (First) God took dirt – and God made a man from the dirt. God breathed into the man's nose – and the man became alive. 8 God planted a garden – the Garden of Eden. And God put the man in the garden. 15 God gave the man a job. The man had to work the garden – and the man had to take care of the garden.

18 And God said, "The man is alone – it is not good to be alone. I will make a helper for the man – the helper will fit him.

19 God had made the animals and birds from the dirt – [so] God brought all the animals and birds to the man. And God gave the man a job – the man had to name all the animals and birds. 20 So the man named all the animals and birds. [The man saw all the animals and birds,] but the man could not find a good helper.

21 So God made the man fall asleep. And God took one of the man's ribs. 22 Then God made a woman from the rib. And God brought the woman to the man.

23 The man said: "She came from my body – she is just like me! I will call her 'woman' – because she came from 'man'."

24 This is why a man will leave his father and mother – and the man will be united to his wife – and the husband and wife will become one body.

25 The man and his wife were both naked – but they felt no shame.

## CONTENT QUESTIONS

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**GOD MADE EVERYTHING**

- What is special about people? (Genesis 1:27)
- What kind of people are made in God's image? (verse 27)
- How did God feel about everything he made? (Genesis 1:31)

**HOW DID GOD MAKE MEN & WOMAN?**

- Who did God make first? (Genesis 2:7)
- But what was not good in the Garden of Eden? (verse 18) So what did God do?
- Then what job did God give the man? (verse 19)
- The man named and saw all the animals and birds, but what did he not find? (verse 20)
- Then what did God do? (verses 21-22)
- The man had seen all the wonderful birds and animals. But how did he feel when he saw the first woman? (verse 23)
- Who made marriage? (verse 24) Whose idea was marriage?

Did marriage just come from our culture? From Japanese or American culture?

***God joins a husband and wife together. So people must not separate them.***

Mark 10:9

- Who can get married? (verses 23-24)
- What happens when a man and woman get married? (verse 24)

How are a husband and wife (2 persons-1 body) like God (3 Persons-1 God)?

How is marriage like Jesus Christ's relationship to his Church?

[Church = all people in heaven and on earth who believe in Jesus]

***21 You respect and believe in Jesus Christ, so submit to each other.***

***22 Wives, submit to your husbands – submit to your husbands like you***

***submit to Jesus Christ. 23 Christ is the head of the Church – and the***

***husband is the head of the wife. 25 Husbands, love your wives – love your wives like Christ loved the Church. Christ died on the cross for the Church.***

***28 Husbands, do what Christ did – love your wives – love your wives like you love your own bodies. Do you love your wife? Then you are loving***

***yourself! 32This is an amazing mystery: that Christ and the Church are like marriage. 33[So] each husband must love his wife like he loves himself. And the wife must respect her husband.***

Ephesians 5:21-33

(If we believe in Jesus Christ) how close is Christ's relationship to us?

(Ephesians 5:32)

Are you surprised?

How does Christ feel about the Church?

What did Christ do for the Church?

Husbands and wives must submit to each other. (Ephesians 5:21)

***1You are united with Jesus Christ. 2So think like Jesus thinks – love each other like Jesus loves – follow Jesus' purpose together – be united together in Jesus' Spirit. 3Don't be selfish – don't think only about your own goals. And don't think: I am very great! But be humble, and think: She is more important than I am – he is more important than I am. 4Don't only think about what you want and need – also think about what other people want and need.***

Philippians 2:1-4

How does a wife submit to her husband? (Ephesians 5:22, 33)

How does a husband submit to his wife? (Ephesians 5:25, 28, 33)

- How should the husband think about his parents? (Genesis 2:24)

Does he still love his parents?

But who is more important: his wife or his mother and father?

When the husband & wife live with his parents, who is more important: the husband's wife or the husband's mother?

- What is the goal of a husband and wife? (verse 24)

- What were the first husband and wife wearing? (verse 25)

- How did they feel? (verse 25)

Why do you think they felt no shame?

Did the first husband and first wife want to hide anything?

Why could they be completely open with each other?

What new thing did you learn today?