



## A Clear Vision of Marriage - Session 1 of 2

### *God's Purpose for Marriage*

Reflect on and respond to each question apart from your spouse, then come together and discuss. We encourage you to make this “a date,” free from distractions, in a space that allows for your full attention. Approach the conversation with honesty, transparency, and vulnerability.

Session 2 will assist you in using the responses, relative to God's vision for marriage, to create a mission and value statement for your marriage, with an eye to holiness and the testimony of Christlikeness to an unbelieving world.

- 1) In what way is the idea of a greater, spiritual purpose in marriage different from how you thought of marriage? Has this changed in any way since your wedding day?
- 2) What do you think about the statement “*What if marriage was created to make us holy, even more than happy?*” Is holiness within and because of your marriage something you desire? Even more happiness?
- 3) How has / does your marriage expose your fallen condition (sin)?
- 4) Is there currently any sin you need to identify, confess, and repent of before the Lord? To confess to your spouse and ask for forgiveness?
- 5) Are you asking your spouse to fill a void that only God can fill? If so, in what way had that impacted your marriage?
- 6) Where do you find the richest joy and satisfaction? Does it come from your time and love of God, or from your spouse, your family, your wealth, your job, your reputation, your health? Describe what your marriage might look like if you and your spouse found the bulk of your joy in the Lord.
- 7) How are you being conformed to the likeness of Christ through your marriage, through the covenant oneness as husband and wife?
- 8) Where are you in your marriage: strong and growing ... just hanging on ... starting out on the journey ... neither hot nor cold ...?