Course Schedule
Class 1: The Purpose, Power, and Paradox of Marriage
Class 2: The Shape of Marriage (Gen. 2, Eph. 5:22-33)
Class 3: Marriage and Sin (Gen. 3)
Class 4: Beauty in a Fallen World (1 Pe. 3:1-7)
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Class 12: The End of the Dream?
Class 13: Panel Discussion

A few good books on these topics

- *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made* by Megan Best
- *Adopted for Life* by Russell Moore

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Marriage Core Seminar, Class #11
Infertility

Why does this topic matter to us all?

- Couples struggling with infertility
- Newly married, engaged, dating
- Church member
- Thinking through unfulfilled dreams

1) Biblical Principles

Childbirth through the Bible

Two ways people dealt with infertility

A) Life begins at conception

- Psalm 139:13-14

B) Marriage is God's design to produce children

- Genesis 2:24
- Malachi 2:15

2) Challenges Faced by Couples Experiencing Infertility

As individuals

In the marriage

- Each spouse may face different kinds of grief
- Affect on intimacy
- Blame/guilt
- Disagreement on how to move forward

3) Assisted Reproductive Technologies

Reasons why infertility may occur

3 common treatments

Four Implications of Biblical Principles for ART

A) Any fertility treatments should preserve the parent-child relationship

B) Fertility treatments that involve the destruction of embryos must not be pursued

C) Any fertility treatments must not involve the freezing of an embryo

D) Any fertility treatments must seek to preserve life

4) Adoption

Parallels with our salvation

- Ephesians 1:5
- Hebrews 2:11
- Romans 8:16-17

Issues to consider:

- Motivation
- Biological tie

Embryo adoption

4) Final Considerations