



BEREAN  
SMALL GROUPS

FOR THE GOSPEL  
ROMANS 1:16

## VERBATIM: Marriage

Matthew 19:4-6

Read Matthew 19:4-6 together:

*He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."*

### A Jesus Revolution in Marriage

#### Submitting Replaces Controlling

Read Ephesians 5:21-28.

- ? Why is it so important to protect God's definition of marriage?
- ? How can submission not be controlling? How does submission turn controlling?
- ? What does the text mean when it says, "Submitting to one another out of reverence to Christ"?
- ? What are the signs of an unhealthy, controlling marriage?
- ? What are the signs of a godly marriage?
- ? Why is trust so important to a submissive relationship?
- ? How can submission bring about freedom?
- ? How does a healthy marriage reflect the powerful gospel message?

#### Humility Replaces Selfishness

Read Philippians 2:3-4.

- ? What is idealistic distortion? How can it lead to great harm in a marriage?
- ? Is it possible to self-diagnose selfishness? Why or why not?
- ? How can the exercise of humility bring about healthy submission?
- ? What are the five love languages? Why is it important to understand your spouse's love language?

**Humility:**  
*Halting the drift toward  
isolation one choice at a  
time.*

## **Blessing Replaces Contempt**

Read 1 Peter 3:8-9.

- ? What does contempt look like in a marriage? How is it so destructive in a Christian marriage?
- ? Is marriage counseling reserved for those who are struggling in their marriage? Why or why not?
- ? Supposedly, the divorce rate among believers and non-believers is essentially the same. Why do you think this is so?