

Sermon Discussion Questions for February 14, Dr. Rod MacIlvaine
“Choosing to Build a Strong Marriage,” Genesis 2:18-22

1. What is the worldview of marriage today? How has that worldview changed during the past thirty to forty years? What are some of the influences that make marriages so vulnerable today?
2. What was not good for Adam in Genesis 2:18? What was God’s solution? What can you learn about God from verse 18? What do you think was God’s ultimate purpose in designing marriage? Based on God’s perfect intent for marriage, how should marriage be viewed? Who must be at the center of a marriage?

3. Read Genesis 1:26-27. What are husbands and wives called to do? Describe how God is the “helper” in these verses:

Genesis 49:25

Exodus 18:4

Psalm 33:20

Based on God’s example and the words of Genesis 1:26-27 and Mark 10:45, what are we called to do in our marriages and in every area of our lives? What are practical ways that we should follow God’s example as a “helper?”

4. From Genesis 2:19-21a., how would this name calling exercise prepare Adam for marriage? What leadership skills would be developed as a result? How did Jesus illustrate this concept in John 1:42?
5. Compare and contrast how man and woman were created in Genesis 1:7 and Genesis 2:21-22. On what attribute of God were Adam and Eve forced to trust? How could you apply this to your own marriage partner?
6. Read Genesis 2:23 alongside Genesis 2:19-20. How would you describe Adam’s response to the “helper” God brought to him? How had God prepared him for this first meeting?
7. In Genesis 2:24, what three things is the man told to do? What does this mean in regard to the long term commitment of marriage?
8. Skim Genesis 1:26-27 and Genesis 2:18-25. Why was the state of happiness in verse 25 possible? How can happiness be attainable in any marriage? What steps will you take this week to strengthen your marriage?