

PBF CONNECT GROUP STUDY GUIDE

For the week of April 8-14

See PBF Marriage Statement: "What Is Biblical Marriage?"

Synopsis: God instituted marriage as a lifelong, covenant relationship between a man and a woman which is not to be broken and is sealed by the one-flesh union. God refers to the marriage relationship as an illustration of Christ's relationship with the church.

Into the Bible

1. What do we learn about marriage from Genesis 1:26-28?
2. What do you think God means in Genesis 2:18 that "it is not good that the man should be alone"?
3. Marriage is called a covenant in Malachi 2:14. What is a covenant and how is marriage one?
4. What is the one-flesh union spoken of in Genesis 2:24? How does it function as a sign of the marriage covenant?

5. What are the roles of the husband, according to Eph. 5?

Application

6. Given what we've observed about the Bible's definition of marriage, how can we now think about same-sex "marriage" and cohabitation?
7. In what ways do you see biblical marriage under attack nowadays? How can you be prepared for those attacks?
8. What are some ways thinking about your marriage as an illustration of Christ and the church (as in Eph. 5:22-33) might impact how you view your marriage?