

Week #1 Created Order

Sermon Points: Genesis 2:18-24, Matthew 19:3-6

Jesus uses Genesis 2 as an authority.

Marriage reflects His created order.

Using anything for its created order is easier than using it in any other sense.

In a season of singleness

In a season of marriage

In a season of kids

Created order for relationship.

Created for relationship at expense of yourself.

Group Opener:

Was there anything from the "man on the street" sermon opener video that you remember? Why did that part stand out to you?

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you heard of the concept of "Chesterton's Fence"

A simple rule of thumb that suggests that you should never destroy a fence, change a rule, or do away with a tradition until you understand why it's there in the first place. The principle assumes that fences have a purpose, were carefully planned, and cost time and money to erect.

What are some of the "stone walls" that culture has torn down recently?

2. Read the passage in Genesis 2, what stands out as counter cultural for the moment we live in?

Genesis 2:23-24 Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." ²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

- 3. We read that when Jesus was pressed about divorce in His day, He referenced Genesis 2 as the authority on marriage (Matt 19 or Mark 10). Have you considered the creation story as the foundational text for marriage before this weekend?
 - Or is there another scripture or teaching you have held as a foundation for marriage?
- 4. Consider the idea that "God does not want you to be alone." How does this perspective inform our understanding of singleness and the pursuit of relationships?