



SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM VIDEO: [HTTPS://VIMEO.COM/639988188/7D9139BDA5](https://vimeo.com/639988188/7D9139BDA5)

Main Idea

Your marriage will reach its highest potential when it is operating according to how God designed it.

Starter

If you are married, how did you meet your spouse? If you are not married, where do you think is the best and worst place to look for a spouse?

Discuss

How do you think your parents' view of marriage has influenced your view of marriage?

Read

Read [Genesis 2:18-25](#) and [Ephesians 5:31-32](#) discuss:

- What do these passages say about....
 - God?
 - His purpose for human beings?
 - God's purpose for marriage?
- What is encouraging or challenging to you about God's vision for marriage?
- To what degree has God's Word rather than the world shaped your view of marriage?

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Never thought about
God's vision

God's vision
sounds like a good idea

I am pursuing God's
vision wholeheartedly

Divide your group into males and females.

- Read [Ephesians 5:31-32](#) and [Revelation 19:7](#). Discuss:
 - In your own words, in what way is marriage meant to reflect the Gospel?
 - How is God's vision for marriage a better story than the world's view of marriage?

Apply

Before you close, have everyone take a minute to pause and pray silently on their own about two questions.

- What is one truth from God's Word I need to embrace tonight?
- What is one specific step I can take to think or live differently?

In a minute or less, share the truth and action step you believe God wants you to take.

Spend some time praying for God's protection and redemption over the marriages and single people in the group.

*Make sure to share the ["Own Your Street" link](#) with your group if you have not already.

* If anyone wants to dig deeper on God's design for marriage, you can share [additional resources here](#).