

Start to Finish 1

Main Idea

If you want to have a marriage that goes the distance, you need to understand God's purpose for marriage.

Starter

What is a challenge you are currently experiencing in your family that we can pray for? (2-minute version)

Before you start your discussion, spend some time praying for each other as the Holy Spirit leads.

Discuss

Scripture

Read [Matthew 19:1-6](#). Then, discuss:

- What does this passage teach you about God's purpose for marriage?
- How is God's purpose for marriage different than other views of marriage in the culture around us?
- If you could go back and talk to your younger self, what is something you would want to tell them about God's perspective on marriage? Why?
- How does God's purpose for marriage encourage or challenge you?

Apply

As the leader, close your group by reading [Ephesians 5:31-32](#) and encourage your group with the Gospel. Give your group a quiet moment to pause and reflect on the following questions:

- How do you need to trust the Gospel in your life right now?
- How do you need to love your spouse (or a friend or family member if you are not married) more like Jesus loves?
- How can we pray for you?

Break up into groups of 2-3 to share and pray together as the Holy Spirit leads.