

Why MARRIAGE Matters

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What Women (and Men) Want

The Big Idea: Seek to _____

before being _____.

Digging Deeper

1. In your opinion, what are the most prominent differences between men and women?
2. Pick a recent interaction in an important relationship. If you had applied this week's big idea, how would that interaction have been different?
3. What was God thinking when he made us male and female? Look to Genesis 2:18 for an answer. Note that the same Hebrew word for "helper" is used to describe God in the following verses (Psalm 30:11; 54:6; Isaiah 41:10).
At first, "It makes it sound as if the woman was designed by God to be Adam's butler. However, this word for helper is used throughout the Bible almost exclusively of God. It's used in verses such as, "The Lord is my helper." And when it's used of people, it's used of political allies or military reinforcement. So when God is setting out to create a companion or a helper, he's out to create an ally, a counterpart, someone with whom Adam will jointly serve and preserve this beautiful world that God has created."
(Kevin Miller in the sermon What Do Men Want? What Do Women Want?)
4. Read 1 Peter 3:7. The differences and the equality of men and women are both emphasized. Which do you need to pay more attention to?
5. Pick a difference between men and women that was highlighted in this week's message. How can you move forward in the progression from knowing to honoring? What would that look like?