



get started

We read stories in which the last line is, “And they lived happily ever after.” What stories do you think of when you hear those words?

reflect

In the culture that we live in it’s hard to believe that the “fairy tale” is possible. What are the challenges couples face today that keep them from experiencing the “fairy tale” marriage?

dig

1. Read Matthew 5:31-32. The attitudes towards divorce were similar when Jesus walked the earth to the attitudes of our culture today. What was Jesus saying about divorce? What was Jesus saying about marriage?
2. Read Matthew 19:3-9. Jesus had other opportunities to answer questions about divorce. He goes back to the creation account in Genesis 1 and 2. What was he saying about God’s purpose for marriage between a man and a woman?
3. If you go back to Genesis 1:27, God creates man, male and female, in his image. What does it mean to be created in God’s image?
4. In Genesis 2:24, God talks about a man and a woman coming together as “one flesh.” What does that mean? What are the threats to being one in a marriage that exist in our world today?
5. Since we are created in God’s image, how does that impact the way we should see ourselves? How does that affect the way we see others? If you are married, how does that affect the way you see your spouse?

breakout

Right now someone you know may be experiencing divorce. How can you come alongside of them? What ways can you encourage them in grace and in truth?

If you are married, what can you do this week to grow in oneness with your spouse?
