



Biblical Talking Points Regarding Marriage

- **God intentionally designed and created us male and female.** (Gen. 1:27; Gen. 5:1-2; Matt. 19:4; Mark 10:6)
- **God intended sexual intimacy to be enjoyed *only* within the context of the male and female relationship.** (Gen. 1:28; Matt. 19:5; Mark 10:7-8; Romans 1:24-32)
- **God intends marriage to be a committed, life long, covenant relationship between a man and a woman based on love, respect, mutual submission and personal sacrifice.** (Matt. 5:31-32; Matt. 19:3-11; Mal. 2:14-16; Mark 10:2-12; I Cor. 7:10-16; Deut. 5:18, 21; Eph. 5:21-33 (Christ-Church Model))
- **Jesus confirmed that God’s design is only to be fulfilled within the context of a committed marriage of one man and one woman.** (Matt. 19:3-11; Mark 10:2-12).
- **Children are a blessing--God’s design is that moms and dads create and raise children.** (Gen. 1:28; Psalm 127:3-5; Proverbs 22:6)
- **God’s design is to have dad and mom train their children to love, honor and obey God.** (Deut. 4:1-9; Proverbs 22:6)
- **All sexual activity outside of God’s design (marriage) is forbidden—it is morally impure and personally destructive—individuals will be judged by God for it.** (Heb. 13:4; Romans 1:24-32; Romans 2:5-10; I Cor. 6:9-11; Matt. 5:27-32; Deut. 5:9, 18, 21; Exodus 20:14-17; Deut. 4:1-9)
- **Divorce is not God’s plan—God hates divorce.** (Mal. 2:14-16; Matt. 5:31-32; Matt. 19:6-9; Mark 10:9-12; I Cor. 7:10-16)
- **God clearly forbids “same sex” sexual relationships—they are not part of His plan.** (Lev. 18:22; Romans 1:24-32; I Cor. 6:9-11; Gen. 1:27; Gen. 5:1-2; Matthew 19:4; Mark 10:6)
- **There is tremendous safety and blessing in following God’s plan for marriage.** (Deut. 5:10; Exodus 20:6; Deut. 4:1-9; Romans 2:5-10)
- **As God’s people we are specifically commanded to honor and esteem marriage.** (Heb. 13:4; Mal. 2:15; I Cor. 7:10-16; Deut. 5:21; Exodus 20:14-17)