

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

**ICEBREAKER:** What paradox (or contradiction) in life have you had to learn to accept or embrace?

**OVERVIEW:** God created marriage to be a blessing. But to experience the benefits of marriage, we must embrace God's instructions on marriage. God has specific roles and responsibilities for husbands and wives, and as these are embraced, marriage works better. As they are rejected, marriage breaks down. In this discussion we will learn more about God's plan for wives.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. What's the most challenging thing about marriage?
3. Why are so many young people either avoiding marriage or putting it off for as long as possible?
4. What are some benefits of marriage?
5. Read 1 Peter 3:1-6.
  - a. What are wives commanded to do in this passage?
  - b. Should Christian wives avoid jewelry? Explain.

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Genesis 2:18; Ephesians 5:22  
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- c. How do you define a gentle and quiet spirit?
  - d. How does Sarah serve as an example for Christian wives?
6. Refer to Sunday's sermon.
  - a. What is the wife's role in marriage?
  - b. What are some ways that a wife can be a good helper to her husband?
  - c. Should a Christian wife be a homemaker? Explain.
  - d. What is the wife's responsibility in marriage?
  - e. What does it mean for a wife to submit to her husband?

**The Last Word:** "Marriage lets you annoy one special person for the rest of your life."

