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Study to show "The Way of True life" *Bible Study Outline*

TOPIC: **God's Design for Marriage**
TEXT: **Genesis 1:26-2:25**

Instructions: - *Let the above passages be read each time you come together to study this topic so that everyone can participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone equal opportunity to participate.*

Introduction: To build a house, we need a design and a blueprint from an architect. We want the design to be beautiful and comfortable, a house that fulfills our dreams. To build a beautiful, satisfying marriage to fill that house, we also need a wise designer's plan. God, the master Creator, reveals his design in this section of Genesis. Reflect on God's design for exclusive, permanent, oneness, and companionship in marriage. Consider the steps you can take now to prepare for or to enjoy his design. Read Genesis 1:26-2:17.

1. How would you design the foundation for a satisfying marriage? What essential materials would you use?
2. God created man and woman in his image (1:26). What various male and female characteristics help you understand what "the image of God" is?
3. God declares all he has created is very good (1:31). This includes being male and female. How can God's "very good" help you accept and respect the uniqueness of your gender?
4. What responsibilities and resources did God give to the man and woman (1:26-30; 2:8- 9, 15-17)?
5. Read Genesis 2:18-25. For the first time, God declares something in his creation as "not good." (2:18). Put yourself in the man's place. How would the display of animals intensify your loneliness?
6. What was the man's part and God's part in meeting Adam's need?
7. What tone of voice do you think the man used to react to the woman (2:23)?
8. What marriage principles do you draw from 2:24?
9. God created marriage primarily to meet our need for companionship. But sometimes, a child or a parent can thwart that purpose. How can you guard your companionship during the pressure of family responsibilities?

10. Why was there no shame or self-consciousness between the man and woman (2:25)? Why do you think that fact is noted here?
11. How has this passage helped you see that God provides for our emotional, physical, and spiritual needs in his marriage design?
12. What surprises you, comforts you, or disturbs you about God's design?