

Episode 001- Adam & Eve:

<u>Genesis 2:18-25</u>

Eve was an amazing gift God gave to Adam. She was unique and different from him, but they complimented and fit each other perfectly. That is the way God intends our marriages to be—husband and wife each complementing the other with the unique gifts He gives.

- If you are married, describe some ways your spouse is unique or different from you.
 - o Explain how those differences complement you.
 - o What differences put a strain on your marriage? Why?
 - If you could, what would you change about yourself and your spouse that would make your marriage work more smoothly?
- If you aren't married, how are your friends similar to you and how are they different?
 - o How do these differences complement your own unique style?

God designed marriage so that "the two will become one flesh." Beyond physical unity, this includes mental, emotional, and spiritual unity.

- If you are married, what are your strongest personal interests?
 - **o** Which of these do you share with your wife and which don't you share? How do you handle differences in interest?
 - o How do you decide whether to share your feelings with your wife or keep them to yourself?
 - What does it mean to you to be spiritual? What part does that play in your marriage? What part should it play?
- If you aren't married, have you ever had a friend or group of friends you were really tight with? What things united you?

Adam and Eve's nakedness revealed how comfortable they were with each other and how completely open they could be with each other.

- What things do you feel comfortable revealing to your wife or friends?
- What types of things make you hesitant to truly open up? Why?
- If you are married, what situations have brought you closer together and let you truly open up to each other?
- If single, when have you been able to open up to your friends?

Adam and Eve had a perfect marriage at the start. But that was lost when sin entered the picture. As a result, our relationships are permanently damaged and our selfishness divides us from God and from each other. But Jesus Christ came to break down that dividing wall. When He suffered and died on the cross, He satisfied God's anger toward our sins. When He rose to life again, He promised to live with us and make our relationships more fulfilling. When He returns to this earth He will make His world—and each of us—perfect forever. On that day there will no longer be marriage, but we will complement each other perfectly and enjoy a completely open and close relationship with each child of God.

• Discuss the things you enjoy most about your marriage or friendships and how they give you a glimpse into the eternal life we will enjoy together for Jesus' sake.