

Marriage and Family: Enjoying The Journey
201: Biblical Foundations-Part 2 Roles of Wives & Husbands

LESSON 2: Cleaving-The Key To Oneness

1. Christian Perspectives:

Genesis 2:18

The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Genesis 2:23-25

*The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."*

[24] For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. [25] The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Matthew 19:5-6

and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? [6] So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

2. Christian Principles:

2.1 Cleaving means to s_____ together

2.2 Cleaving means to r_____ loyal

2.3 Cleaving means to j_____ together

2.4 Cleaving involves r_____ competing priorities

2.5 Cleaving requires c_____ up your past

- Make your sexual s_____ list privately
- C_____ each sin to the Lord
- R_____ God's forgiveness
- A_____ to your spouse if you sinned with them
- F_____ and let it go

2.6 Cleaving involves s_____ more areas of your life together

2.7 Cleaving requires keeping s_____ accounts

- Apply g_____ and m_____ liberally to mistakes
- Extend f_____ quickly to hurts

2.8 Cleaving includes healthy s_____ intimacy

3. Christian Practices:

3.1 C_____ yourself of past relational and sexual sins

3.2 A_____ and f_____ where needed, in order to move forward

3.3 R_____ to pursuing greater closeness with your spouse

4. Discussion Questions:

- 4.1 Encourage everyone to wear name tags with names written boldly. Spend the first few minutes sharing updates from this past week for each group member. Record your group member names and needs in the "Prayer Journal" located in the Appendix.
- 4.2 Break into gender groups for lessons. 2 -- 5.
- 4.3 Discuss the wisdom behind "leaving and cleaving".
- 4.4 Discuss how your understanding of cleaving has improved from this lesson
- 4.5 What are the highlights you will use from this lesson?
- 4.6 Spend the last 10 minutes in prayer for each other. Record your prayer requests in the "Prayer Journal."