

Where Is My Mate?

Session 6

I. Recap

- A. Courtship versus dating
- B. You should first get a life and focus on friendships. Often your mate will be revealed in the process of friendship.
- C. You can go out and do things as a couple but focus on the friendship.

II. The purpose of Marriage

- A. Please write down the main reason you want to get married.
- B. Now write down what you think the mission statement for marriage is. A **mission statement** is a statement of the main purpose of a [company](#), [organization](#) or [institution](#), or [person](#), its [reason for existing](#).
- C. Is your two answer similar or the same or different? They should be the same.
- D. Many people get married so they are not lonely. Is that God's mission for marriage?
- E. Many people get married to feel complete. Is that God's mission for marriage?
- F. Many people get married to be happy. Is that God's mission for marriage?

G. Gen. 2:18

1. Many say it is was not good for Adam to be alone because he was lonely.
 2. Many say it was because he was incomplete.
 3. Many say it was because he was unhappy by himself.
 4. None of these can be proven out and I believe to be completely false and give rise to faulty reason to get married!
- H. Why was it not good for Adam to be alone? We don't have to wonder. God tells us in verse 18. Most people do not read the whole verse. God said it was not good that Adam to be alone, therefore I will make a help mate for him. The reason God made Eve was to be a help to Adam. Look down in verse 20. God brought all the animals to Adam to name them. Why was this done? The purpose was to show that no animal could be a suitable helper to Adam. Again notice that the issue was about a helper. The Hebrew word in verse 18 and 21 is the Hebrew word- 'ezer- pronounced - ay- zer. It is found 21 times in the Old Testament and every time it is translated as help.
- I. This begs the question, "What did Adam need help with" To fulfill the mission statement for mankind!
- J. **Gen. 1:26-28**- The mission statement for mankind and marriage is the same. To know the creator intimately, to know each other intimately, and to expand the kingdom and dominion of God.
- K. Illustration of the three signs- Believer's Great Commission Call, Marriage Great Commission Call.

- L. The world teaches to get education, get married, good a good job, to gain security, to get a reward at the end of your life. This is a distortion of the Great commission. The Great Commission is to receive empowerment and equipping, to do the work of the ministry, to
- M. Most marriages today is to find happiness, increase their earning potential, have kids that behave, have a nice house and prepare for retirement. This is called the American dream. This is not a dream, it is a delusion of the enemy. We are called to know God intimately, and to expand his kingdom and laws- faith and love.
- N. God made marriage so that he could have godly seed. They would come to know God intimately and expand the kingdom and dominion of God.
The main reason God wants to bring you a spouse is that you can display to the world His rule of love and to expand His kingdom through using your kingdom gifts and authority and by having kids you train to build the kingdom!.
- O. **Ecc. 4:9**- Two are better than one because they have a good reward from their labor.
- P. Marriage is a mirror of the relationship with Christ and the church.
- Q. **Eph. 5:32**- What is the mission of the church- to know Him intimately and to expand his kingdom- the great commission.

- R. We have in a large part lost the central focus of mankind's mission and the Great Commission which is to expand the kingdom.
- S. **Is. 9:6-7**- Of the increase of His kingdom there will be no end.
- T. You should pray for your marriage to fulfill God's purposes and to expand His kingdom and the fame of His glory!
- U. In short your marriage is not really just about you! It is about God's glory and kingdom being expanding through you and your marriage.
- V. If you get your focus off the mission of marriage you will find yourself abusing the marriage and pass on the wrong focus to the next generation.