

## Families from the Beginning

Session 5

### For This Reason

In Genesis 2: 24, God establishes the basic principles of the family. Jesus refers to this scripture in Matthew 19:4-6 when defending marriage to the Pharisees. Paul draws parallels from this scripture to Christ's relationship to the church in Ephesians 5:25-33. Since this is a foundational passage for our study of the family, we will examine it in depth now:

“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

For this reason	Only one reason, not many, just one specific reason: _____
A man	Single human _____
Shall leave	Move _____ from
His father and mother	The _____ which raised him
And be joined	“What God has put _____, let not man separate”
to his wife	Single human _____
And the two shall become one flesh.	Exist as a _____ person, Producing children with the _____ of both.

Why did God establish the family in this fashion? Remember that we are created in His image and after His likeness. God called Himself Adam's **Father**(Luke 3:38), Israel's **Husband**(Isaiah 54:5) and the church's **Bridegroom**(2Cor 11:2; John 3:29). Marriage and families are pictures of God's love for us. He instituted no other method for us to function together.

- ❖ *Not the TV dad.* Created Adam was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ *Not the feminist woman.* Created woman was a \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ *Not Bart.* Children were to be in the \_\_\_\_\_ and after the \_\_\_\_\_ of their parents.

*On the back or another sheet, draw a picture expressing the family as God created it.*