March 13th, 2016 Message Discussion Questions

1. Review Genesis 2.18-25 and the main ideas of the message together:
    - What do you remember?
    - What stood out to you?

2. What do you think is most people's perception on the purpose of marriage?

3. What do you think God's purpose for marriage was?

4. Read Ephesians 5.22-33 together.
    - How does this mold your understanding on God's purpose for marriage?
    - In what ways does marriage display the image of God (perhaps more so than remaining single)?

5. Here in Genesis 2 God said "its not good for man to be alone." But in 1 Corinthians 7 (read that if you want) Paul says "its better to remain single."
    - In what ways do you see each statement being true?
    - How do you make sense of both of these together?

For Married Couples:

6. Check in – how would you rate your marriage right now between 1 and 12. Explain your answer.

7. Brainstorm/talk about 1 thing you could do to invest in your marriage in the next year.

8. Talk about possible "boats" in your life (things that are keeping one of you from fully investing in your marriage they way you could). Does your spouse feel like there's something you need to "leave behind?"

9. Do you feel like "everything is known and nothing is hidden" in your marriage? Why or why not? Do you wish certain areas were more open?

10. What boundaries might need to be established to make sure your marriage stays strong?

For Non-Marrieds:

6. If life is more about *becoming* the right person than *finding* the right person; are you who the person you're looking for is looking for?

    - What steps do you need to take to get there?

7. In understanding more clearly the purpose of marriage – how does this change the way you date? What would you emphasize in the dating process?

8. What do you feel like are important boundaries to have in your life when it comes to love, sex, and dating?

    - Physical? Emotional? Spiritual?

9. If the point of marriage is to point to Christ, what are some powerful ways you can do that as a single person?