

SCREENPLAY

Week 1: Paradise Lost

Connect

Who in your life has demonstrated marriage well for you? What did that couple do that made them stand out as an example to follow?

Grow

Read **Genesis 1:26-27; 2:18-25; 3:4-21**

1. God created us to experience intimacy with Him and with one another, so he knows how relationships should work. What details in the creation story point to that?
2. How does marriage have an opportunity to display God's character? Specifically His unity?
3. **Read Genesis 2:18-22.** Do you celebrate the distinctive and unique differences between men and women? What does the word "helper" mean in this passage?
4. What happens when we disregard or diminish those differences between men & women?
5. Scott pointed out that after showing Adam all the animals before giving him Eve, he was essentially saying "Nothing in all of creation can compare to the gift I'm about to give you." Husbands, do you view your wife that way?

Screenplay Bonus Clip: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=valJZ9_vSX4&feature=youtu.be

6. What are some ways we hide from one another and cover up who we really are? How much energy do we spend trying to hide from others?
7. Why are fear and shame marriage killers? How can we prevent them from gaining a foothold in our marriage?
8. Understanding what we've lost and what we're missing is the first step in helping us regain what we were created for. How does **Genesis 3:21** give us hope? How does it point towards what Jesus has done for us?

Pray

Whether you are married or single, pray that you would view marriage as God intended it. The purpose of marriage is to put the greatest story on display. Pray for your own marriage, as well as friends and family member's marriages to reflect that.

Next

How are you & your spouse doing with this? Talk together about where you're at and how to keep growing together. If you're not married, write out how you want your marriage to display God's character and goodness.