

**Message Summary** - Welcome to a mini-series on marital relationships! If you're presently not married, *don't tune out!* You may be someday and it will be worth the investment to listen and learn. If you are married, this will provide needed affirmation of your marriage vows. Let's make a deal—let's decide that it's not enough to just survive in our marriages; let's aim to thrive in them. To do that, we have to revisit God's original design and plan for this foundational relationship. A successful marriage isn't a gift . . . It's an achievement.

## **No Person Is An Island** Genesis 2:18-25

### **1. The Problem of Man: Alone on an Island (v. 18a)**

- A. What Was Good - Genesis 1:31
- B. What Wasn't Good

### **2. The Plan of God: Rescue from the Island (vv. 18b-22)**

- A. A Helper Is Needed
- B. A Comparable Helper Is Needed
- C. A God-Appointed Comparable Helper Is Needed

### **3. The Plan for the first Wedding (v.24)**

- A. Leaving – Reprioritizing
- B. Cleaving – Permanent Bond
- C. Weaving – Keep strengthening the threads

**LifeGroup Questions:**

**BEGIN IT (5min)** – Sing praise to the Lord & opening prayer.

**OPEN IT (10min)** - Honestly evaluate your family situation: How satisfying is it? How tense do you feel when around certain individuals in it? Is it spiritually healthy and vibrant?

**EXPLORE IT (60min)** - Genesis 2:18-25—Passage of Primary reference and is referenced four times in New Testament.

1. Marriage is God's idea, not manmade. Do you feel only God can regulate it? Why?
2. What does Jesus mean by say, "Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate" (Matthew 19:6)?
3. In Genesis 2:18, what WASN'T Good? According to the sermon. . .Why?
4. Marriage God's plan to address separation, isolation, aloneness: but it doesn't always work. Why?
5. Do you believe this statement, "The extent that your partner is alone in the marriage is the extent that your marriage is failing"? Why?
6. True or False: All people have loneliness but it's meant to be filled in relationship with Christ?

**APPLY IT (15min)** -

- For Married people: Get alone with your spouse, perhaps on a date. Reaffirm your vows to each other. You've probably forgotten the original wording from your wedding, so speak from your heart! Tell your spouse the feelings you had on your wedding day.
- For Single people: What choices will you make today regarding the future of your relationships?