



**Why Bother With Marriage? (Gen 2:18-25)**  
 10h30 (Versailles), 17h30 (Chevry) Sunday 10 February 2008  
 17h30 (Versailles) Sunday 3 February 2008  
*...space for you to write your notes on Sunday*

10h30 & 17h30 Versailles, 17h30 Chevry,

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| Jan 27                              | The Beginning of all things Gen 1:1-2:3<br><i>Overview - themes</i>  |
| Feb 3                               | The Meaning of Life Gen 2:4-17   |
| Feb 10 17h30<br>Versailles          | <i>Reconciling Creation &amp; Evolution?</i>   |
| Feb 10<br>Feb 3 17h30<br>Versailles | Why bother with marriage? Gen 2:18-25<br><i>Sex &amp; Family</i>   |
| Feb 17                              | Where do people fit in? Gen 1:26-31<br><i>Creation of human beings, different than animals?</i><br>nb 10h30 Confirmation Service |
| Feb 24                              | Why work? Gen 1:26-31  |
| Mar 2                               | Living for Leisure? Gen 2:2 -3 , Ex 20<br><i>What does Sabbath mean in C21?</i>  |
| Mar 9                               | Does the world matter? Gen 1:26-31   |
| Mar 16                              | Grace from the Beginning? Gen 3:1-24   |



**Some Books you may find helpful**

David Atkinson, *The Message of Genesis*, Bible Speaks Today  
 Gordon Wenham, *Genesis*, Word  
 Henri Blocher, *In The Beginning* (originally in French) –very thorough look at Genesis 1-3, widely regarded as the best book on these chapters

Books relating to individual topics in the series

Michael Poole, *A Guide to Science and Belief*, Lion, 1990  
 R. Frost & D. Wilkinson, *Thinking Clearly about God and Science*, Monarch, 1996.  
 L Strobel, *The Case for a Creator*  
 Malcolm. A Jeeves & R. J. Berry, *Science, Life and Christian Belief*, Apollos, 1998  
 Reenchantment of Nature, McGrath  
 T Campolo, *How to Rescue the Earth without worshipping Nature*  
 Gary Chapman, *Five Love Languages*  
 Mark & Lindsay Mellowish, *Family Time*  
 N & S Lee, *The Marriage Book*  
 Rob Parsons, *The Sixty Minute Marriage*  
 Mark Greene, *Thank God it's Monday - Ministry in the Workplace*, SU, 1997  
 Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger, Ronald Sider



**Study Guide for Your Own Study During the Week**  
**Why Bother With Marriage? (Gen 2:18-25)**

**...going deeper**

**to think about**

*"Why is everyone so obsessed with marriage? I'm honestly curious about this. Why is there so much importance placed on a piece of paper? If you and significant other are already living together and sharing everything, what difference does a tax break make?"*

(<http://jozaff.blogspot.com/2007/05/im-back-and-marriage-is-pointless.html>)

Interesting questions, and for a large number of people marriage is no longer necessary. Why bother with marriage? Let's see if Genesis can shed any light on the matter.

*Read Genesis 2:18-25*

*Why did God say that he wanted to make a helper for the man? (v 18)*

*What was special about the woman? (vv. 20 – 23)*

*Verse 24 describes the foundations of marriage, a definite sense of a man and a woman leaving their birth families and starting a new family. Is marriage helpful in this way? Why or why not?*

*It is worth observing that the woman was the second human being in the Genesis account. How important is it for human beings to have other people around? Does community matter?*

**taking it further**

*What is your community? You might like to pray for the people who make up the community or communities that you are a part of.*

*You might also like to pray for people you know who are married, and for those who seek to strengthen marriage relationships.*