

## 16 Family matters - Sex and marriage

Read Genesis 2:18-24. Think about what sex is for, and how it began. Can you spot three steps in v24? See what order they're in.

For obvious reasons, much of the Bible's teaching about sex is in the context of its teaching about marriage. Think about how God wants marriage to work. Matthew 19:4-6; Ephesians 5:21-33; 1 Peter 3:1-8 may help.



"Let's not jump into this."

And what about the sex bit? Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 7:1-7;

Think about some examples of sexual relationships which God does not allow. Why do you think that is? 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 18-20 and Romans 1:26-27 may help.

What extra reason do believers have for resisting immorality?

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." Genesis 2:18

Are disciples of Jesus free to marry people who don't believe in him? 1 Corinthians 9:5; 7:39; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.

Think of some practical hints for people of your own generation, to help them stick to God's teaching about relations between the sexes.

Do you think it is OK to 'go out with' someone who doesn't believe? Could problems arise if you do? How could you avoid the problems?