



SESSION ONE – God's Definition of Marriage

- Describe Mr. Hatch's burden:

Answer: Christian psychiatrist on the faculty of a leading medical school – “Early family experience determines our adult character structure, the inner picture we have of ourselves, how we see others and feel about them, our concept of right and wrong, our capacity to establish the close, warm, sustained relationships necessary to have a family of our own. ...”

- What is a family?

Answer: Hebrews 11:10 (ESV) – ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

A Christian family is one which is being built by God according to God's blueprint.

Genesis 2:7-24 (ESV) – ⁷ then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ...¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ...²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.²² And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

God's Blueprint: **Genesis 2:24** – Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

- So what is God's Blueprint?

Answer: Marriage is... the most IMPORTANT...only PERMANENT... and most INTIMATE human relationship created by God.



Observation: All through these sessions Mr. Hatch holds up a hand-held grass clippers. It is made of two blades made to fit together. They are held together by a bolt and spring that keeps them close so they can cut. You will hear him moving the shears several times through the series to illustrate the points he is making.