

notes.



LEVELS OF INTIMACY

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Genesis 2:24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

- **Attraction**
Genesis 2:23
- **Intellectual Intimacy**
1 Samuel 25:3
- **Emotional Intimacy**
Ecclesiastes 9:9
- **Spiritual Intimacy**
Genesis 1:27
- **Sexual Intimacy**
Genesis 2:24

Growth Group Homework - October 6, 2019

Warm-Up

1. Who was your best friend growing up? What caused you two to be close?
2. Have you ever been on an awkward or funny first date? What happened?

Talk It Over

3. Looking back at your notes from this week's message, what did you find most challenging or helpful?
4. Each week, we have seen how the Trinity (God is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) helps us better understand ourselves. Read the following passages and discuss what you learn about the Trinity.

Matthew 3:16-17

Matthew 28:19-20

John 14:24-26

Acts 5:3-4

Ephesians 3:14-19

- What might be some implications for your personal life knowing that God is a 3-in-1 God?

5. Read Ecclesiastes 4:7-12. What are some of the specific actions identified in verses 9-12 that strengthen relationship bonds?

- In what ways have you experienced what this passage describes?

6. In your own relationships, what are some of the ways you have experienced intellectual, emotional, and spiritual intimacy?

- Bevan explained that spiritual intimacy occurs when we worship, pray to, and walk with the same God. What do you think this looks like in practical terms? Can you think of a time you experienced this?

- How have you seen the dangers of letting intellectual and emotional intimacy get in front of the spiritual?

7. The Bible is not silent on the topic of sexual intimacy. It is presented as a good gift, created by God. But because of sin and its effects, sexual intimacy can now be compared to fire. With the right limits and boundaries, it gives warmth and benefits life in many ways. Outside of those boundaries, fire can be destructive and deadly. How have you seen the benefits or the dangers?

Take It Home

8. Think back through the discussion. What is one thing God is challenging you to focus on? What is a next step of action you can take?

Additional Reading: Song of Solomon. It is a poem about married love.