



SEASON 11 EP.16

# Bride: Fruitful Love



## GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you from this week's episode?
2. In what ways can you see that love is fruitful in your life and the lives of those around you?
3. If you're married, do you make space for intimacy in all of its forms within your marriage? What more can you do to make space for intimacy? If you're not married, what is your ideal view of what intimacy should look like in marriage or the consecrated life?
4. "Every woman wants to be attended to and to be a partner on a great adventure." Discuss your desire for this within marriage and/or relationship with Christ. How is this desire being met and in what ways are you still longing for this?

## LECTIO DIVINA

"Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air...but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed."

- Genesis 2:18-25

## JOURNAL QUESTIONS

1. How are you responding to Christ's invitation to intimacy in practical ways?
2. All of us are called to make disciples of all nations. Who might the Lord be asking you to disciple in the faith and journey alongside?
3. Ponder how you can support your married friends and be "for" their marriage. How have you participated in gossip and maybe disunity in your own marriage or of a friend's?
4. Sex is holy and beautiful. Notice what this provokes in your own heart. Ask the Lord to bring healing to the areas in your life that need to be restored by this truth.

## QUOTES TO PONDER

"Love is never something ready made, something merely 'given' to man and woman, it is always at the same time a 'task' which they are set. Love should be seen as something which in a sense never 'is' but is always only 'becoming,' and what it becomes depends upon the contribution of both persons and the depth of their commitment."

- Saint Pope John Paul II, "Love and Responsibility"