



Relationship: Genesis 2:4-25

AIM For people to know that our God is a relational God, he made us for relationship with Him and to serve Him together.

PRAY & READ Genesis 2:4-25 together

1. IN PAIRS: What do you notice is different between this second creation account and the first?
 - TOGETHER: What do you think the author wants us to understand from the differences?

Us & God

2. What does this passage show us about the nature of the relationship between God and mankind?
 - What does this teach us about:
 - Mankind's purpose?
 - The way we should relate to God? (see Colossians 1:16)
 - The way God works in His world?
3. What are all the ways God provides for Adam? What does this show us about his character?
 - How does this context help us understand God's commands in verse 16 & 17?
 - How does this help us as we consider the life that Jesus calls us?

Us Together

4. From Genesis 1:26-27 we know that God created mankind – male & female – equally in His image.

- What other details from this account suggest man & woman are equal?
 - What details in this account teach that man & woman are different?
5. In 2:18 the woman is described as a “helper”, in what sense(s) is woman a helper to man? (1:28, 2:18)
- Get someone to **READ** Malachi 2:15
 - What does this verse say about why God brought man and woman together in marriage?
 - How does this help us better understand God’s command in Genesis 1:28?
 - **READ together** Ephesians 5:22-33
 - How does the Gospel shape our reading of Genesis 2?
 - How does this expand our application of God’s command in Genesis 1:28? (what we are to do, and who we can do it with)
6. What does all we’ve considered teach us about the relationship between men & women?

If you have time, you could pick one of these questions to draw out more:

- What might God’s creation of Adam first and Eve from Adam teach us about how men & women ought to relate to each other in marriage?
 - What is the significance of this order being present in the garden?
 - How could this appropriately be applied to relationships outside of marriage?
 - How might it be inappropriately applied?
 - What other biblical texts could we look at to help guide us in this?
 - What is the bible’s teaching on sex? (What it does, its significance, who it’s for, what its purpose is?)
 - How is this different to what our world says
 - How could this explain much of the relational pain in our world?
7. We are made for a relationship with our God. How conscious are you of this reality? How could you be more?
8. We are together made to serve our God and His purposes in this world.
- What opportunities do you have currently to serve God?
 - What are some ways you could seek out more opportunities?

SHARE about these things & PRAY together in smaller groups of 2 or 3