



Welcome + Opening Prayer

THEMATIC OVERVIEW

God made us for relationship.

Genesis 2:18-25

See passage printed on the back of this page.

Explore + Apply

1. How are you working to attain your own version of Eden? When you are busting it or hustling to attain “the good life” how do you sidestep or neglect relationships? How does this square with the biblical suggestion here in Genesis 2:18: “It is not good that man should be alone”? What do you think God most wants from you and for you? Practically speaking, how could you give priority to relationship— with God and other people?
2. What does it mean for your relationships that man and woman were created equally but also differently? How is it possible to welcome greater difference into your relational landscape?
3. How do you hide in your relationships? Are you willing to share an area of self-consciousness or shame that you carry around and makes it hard to enter fully into relationships? How does the gospel of Jesus Christ speak into this self-consciousness? How does Jesus Christ’s willingness to be vulnerable and to be put to a shameful death for our sakes change our ability to come before God and live with other people as we genuinely are, without shame?

MAN + WOMAN

Genesis describes woman as not just like man. The word “fit” (v. 20) can be woodenly translated as “same opposite.” The image of a puzzle piece can be helpful— there needs to be a right sort of difference to make the puzzle pieces come together. Woman brings something to the table man doesn’t have. Equality doesn’t equal same-ness.

GOOD RELATIONSHIPS

What does Genesis 2:25 “both were naked and were not ashamed” show us about the key to all good relationships?

PRAYER GUIDELINES

In prayer, we ask God to transform us and the world around us with His grace.

GROUP SCHEDULE - FALL

Next Meeting: week of Oct 21

week of Nov 4

Pray

- Spend time praising God that He desires relationship with us.
- Pray and listen: What do you think God most wants from you and for you? Is this what you want for yourself?
- Imagine West Seattle, greater Seattle, our country, and the world freed from self-consciousness by the love of Jesus Christ. Pray for good relationships.

Home Groups are a vital part of shared life and growth in Christ. Here, we build community, deepen relationships, and discover and live the Christian life together.

Genesis 2:18-25

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." ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found 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."

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.