

Genesis

God's World. God's Story.



A Marriage Made by God

Genesis 2:15-25

Big Idea: God's design for the family starts with one man and one woman as equal image-bearers with complementary roles made one flesh by a good God.

1. God's Design for Marriage: One Man, One Woman, One Flesh, Given by God
 - 1) The Wonder of Marriage
 - 2) The Definition of Marriage
2. God's Design for Gender Roles: Equal Image-Bearers Made for Complementary Roles of Headship and Helper
 - 1) Equal Image-Bearers
 - 2) Complementary Roles of Headship and Helper
 - 3) The Hope for Broken People: Gospel Grace

Discussion Questions:

1. What stands out to you most from what Genesis 1-2 establishes about gender, marriage, and the family? Is there anything *surprising*, *relevant*, or especially *practical* from this passage to you?
2. Are marriage and family in our culture in “crisis”? If so, what can Christians do about it?
3. How would you help apply some of the ideas of this passage to the following people?
 - A married Christian couple whose relationship has grown “stale” and “cold.”
 - A single Christian woman longing for marriage.
 - A young man who is wrestling with his “gender identity” and sexuality.
 - A woman who has experienced the shame of divorce and the hurt of having an angry husband (similar to the woman of John 4).
4. How does the Christian understanding of gender, sexuality, and marriage differ from our culture’s? How should Christians speak and interact with unbelievers on these topics?
5. How are men and women *the same* before God? How are men and women *different* according to God’s design?

November 2025			
Week 1 Starting November 3	Week 2 Starting November 10	Week 3 Starting November 17	Week 4 Starting November 24
Day 1: Philippians 1	Day 1: Colossians 1	Day 1: 1 Thessalonians 1	Day 1: 1 Thessalonians 5
Day 2: Philippians 2	Day 2: Colossians 2	Day 2: 1 Thessalonians 2	Day 2: 2 Thessalonians 1
Day 3: Philippians 3	Day 3: Colossians 3	Day 3: 1 Thessalonians 3	Day 3: 2 Thessalonians 2
Day 4: Philippians 4	Day 4: Colossians 4	Day 4: 1 Thessalonians 4	Day 4: 2 Thessalonians 3
Day 5: Ephesians 5:1-14	Day 5: Ephesians 5:15-21	Day 5: Ephesians 5:22-33	Day 5: Ephesians 6:1-9
Personal Worship ³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials			
I Peter 1:3-6 (NIV)			