

Genesis

God's World. God's Story.



God's Design for Gender

Genesis 2:15-25

Big Idea: Embrace your identity as a male or female image-bearer. Husbands, lead your wives with Christ's love. Wives, help your husbands with loving submissive support.

Outline:

1. God's Design for Gender: Male and Female

1) Male and Female Identity

2) Male and Female Equality

2. God's Design for Gender Roles: Headship and Helper

1) Headship and Helper in the Text

2) Headship and Helper in Practice

Discussion Questions:

1. In the Christian worldview, is it better to be a man or a woman?
2. How are men and women *the same* before God? How are men and women *different* according to God's design?
3. Is God's plan for gender roles harmful to women? Why or why not?
4. Whether you are married or not, how does your identity as either male or female affect God's plan and purpose for you?
5. If you are married, how do the ideas of this message impact your own marriage relationship? Are there any patterns in your marriage that you need to either reinforce or rethink as a result of this message?
6. Does male headship mean that the husband "always get his way" in the home? If not, what does it mean practically for a marriage?

November 2025 (Updated November 1 st)			
Week 1 Starting November 3	Week 2 Starting November 10	Week 3 Starting November 17	Week 4 Starting November 24
Day 1: Judges 14	Day 1: Judges 19	Day 1: Ruth 3	Day 1: 1 Samuel 4
Day 2: Judges 15	Day 2: Judges 20	Day 2: Ruth 4	Day 2: 2 Samuel 5
Day 3: Judges 16	Day 3: Judges 21	Day 3: 1 Samuel 1	Day 3: 1 Samuel 6
Day 4: Judges 17	Day 4: Ruth 1	Day 4: 1 Samuel 2	Day 4: 1 Samuel 7
Day 5: Judges 18	Day 5: Ruth 2	Day 5: 1 Samuel 3	Day 5: 1 Samuel 8
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)			