

LIFE GROUP LESSON

Divine Design • Week of January 29

Read: Genesis 2:4, 5-25

Further Study: Ephesians 5:21-32

Goal: A Divine Design originated with Divine Intimacy with God then between a man and a woman.

Before the Video

- Notice the order of creation. How did God create Adam and how did God create Eve? What was different and what were common elements of their creation?
- Why did God establish boundaries and what were these boundaries?

After the Video

- Adam speaks to this new creation which has come from God's Divine Design, "Bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh". How does this speak to Divine Intimacy? Why is there no greater level of intimacy, according to Scripture, than the intimacy between a man and a woman in marriage?
- God gave the bride away in the Garden of Eden. How is this imagery repeated today in wedding ceremonies and what greater meaning does it speak to?

Digging into the Bible

- Read again Genesis 2:18-25. Adam in Hebrew is "Ish". And God said it is not good for "Ish" to be alone so God put Adam into a deep sleep, and from Adam's rib, an intimate part of his created anatomy, God used this part along with God's breath—to breathe into Eve the gift of life and God created "Ishnah" (Eve) for "Ish" (Adam).

Going Deeper & Action Steps

- When God first created Adam there was reflected in Adam the "image of God" which would have been male and female. Many scholars believe that in "Ish" there was both a masculine and feminine nature of God. Yet God felt Adam was incomplete—word in Hebrew for "helper" is same root we get for "Yahweh". Thus God is our helper.
- While God is beyond gender there is within scripture imagery of both masculine and feminine nature of God. Thus, when Eve was created from Adam and the breath of God she reflected the feminine nature while Adam more of the masculine nature. What impact does this have for a "More complete" image of God found when women and men are fully participating? In the home, in the local church, in the community?

Prayer - God we thank you for being our helper. We bless you that in our male and female natures we find a fuller reflection of you. Let us be wise to this in living out our relationships.

DIVINE DESIGN FOR RELATIONSHIPS

Text: Genesis 1:26-27, Genesis 2:4-25

PLAIN TRUTH:

A more _____ image of God is
found in _____ and _____.

1. Divine _____ -- God created Adam.
2. Fully _____ in the Image of God—
Adam reflected the image of God.
3. _____
4. Healthy _____
5. A More _____ Image
6. _____ of _____ and Marriage

One Year Bible Reading

January 29: Exodus 8:1-9:35, Matthew 19:13-30, Psalm 24:1-10, Proverbs 6:1-5
January 30: Exodus 10:1-12:13, Matthew 20:1-28, Psalm 25:1-15, Proverbs 6:6-11
January 31: Exodus 12:14-13:16, Matt. 20:29-21:22, Ps. 25:16-22, Prov. 6:12-15
February 1: Exodus 13:17-15:18, Matthew 21:23-46, Psalm 26:1-12, Prov. 6:16-19
February 2: Exodus 15:19-17:7, Matthew 22:1-33, Psalm 27:1-6, Proverbs 6:20-26
February 3: Exodus 17:8-19:15, Matthew 22:34-23:12, Ps. 27:7-14, Prov. 6:27-35
February 4: Exodus 19:16-21:21, Matthew 23:13-39, Psalm 28:1-9, Proverbs 7:1-5

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