



# SMALL GROUPS

*Life alone isn't living. We SHARE community.*

**Beautiful Design –**

**Week 1**

**1/20/19**

This week Pastor Bob transitioned from our series “Relevant Gospel” to our new series, “Beautiful Design”. We want to be a church that understands the challenges facing our culture. We want to be a safe place for people to discover the truth; that God does exist, that He created the earth and all that is in it, and that He made them – specific, unique, loved.

**What statement or idea from the sermon stood out to you the most? Why?**

As we enter this series it's important to remember that every soul is valuable to God.

**How valuable is each and every person to our God?**

**How should that influence the way we treat others?**

**Discuss the following statement, “If the church must be anything, she must be a safe place for the gender-confused and the sexually broken.” Matt Chandler**

“The church must be a fortress of safety and grace for the weary struggler, or we do not understand who Christ is.” Matt Chandler

**Considering the statement above, What could you or your group do to facilitate that kind of environment in your church and for one another? \***

Gender confusion and sexual brokenness is one of the greatest challenges facing our culture today.

What could some of the consequences be if the church refuses to address this issue?

What could the consequences be if we address it wrongly?

Read Genesis 1:1

How does this verse answer questions about identity?

By going back to the fact that there is a Creator and that He made everything with careful detail and design we can begin to orient ourselves with His truth.

What views does our culture embrace when trying to explain the creation of the world? \*

How are these views different from God's beautiful design given in Genesis? \*

If the world is "ever changing," what is the benefit of orienting ourselves around God? \*

In what areas of life do people tend to look to the world for direction rather than looking to God? \*

Do you struggle with accepting God's good design for the world? If so, what aspect of God's design do you struggle with the most? \*

In what ways has orienting your life around God's good design been a blessing to you? \*

What areas of your life feel out of line? \*

*\*Taken from "a beautiful design," by Matt Chandler*

Here's the video Pastor Bob mentioned during the sermon:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XBp8M8M4DMs&t=4s>