

Wisdom:

1. What are ways that you have experienced or observed opposition to God's design for womanhood in our culture today?
2. How can understanding God's design in creating us as a helper for our husband give us faith and grace to help supply strength instead of sinfully focusing on the lack? (Note: Encourage women to refrain from criticism and use only gracious words when speaking about their husbands.)
3. What is a way that you are grateful you see your husband leading in your home and family and carrying the heavier part of the load? What is one way you can help him carry the load?
4. Betsy gave examples of many different women from Abigail to Mary, all using their gifts to build up the church. Then she quoted Rebekah Merkle:

“No Christian should ever really be asking, ‘How can I fulfill myself?—The question should always be pointed outward. Who can I bless? How can I use my gifts to build up those around me? How can I embrace my femininity in such a way that I shine the light of the gospel into a lost and sinful world? How can I be truly excellent in the opportunities that God has place in front of me? The answers will vary wildly, but the questions are always the same for every woman-married, single, old, young.” *Eve in Exile*, Rebekah Merkle

Based on above quote, how can you use your gifts to build up those around you this week? How can you fight for womanhood in your school, work, or home?

Warning:

5. How might we be attracted by and tempted to fall for Satan's tactics of lying to us by subtlety, suggestion, exaggeration or contradiction? What are specific ways that we can resist these temptations in our lives today?
6. In what ways do we, like Eve, make self-fulfillment our goal by, as Derek Kidner says, following our impressions rather than instructions? How can we learn to follow instructions rather than impressions?
7. In her message, Betsy pointed out how Eve was tempted to discontent. How might we be tempted to discontent and ignore our "101 tiny joys"? Betsy also pointed out how gratitude can bring our sight back to God. How can you show gratitude to God? Your husband or parents or boss or coworkers this week?
8. Betsy quoted Os Guinness who said:

"Martin Luther, a man of deep emotions, was very realistic at this point. 'Eve got into trouble,' he wrote, 'when she walked in the garden alone.' I have my worst temptations when I am by myself." *God in the Dark*, Os Guinness

How can we come alongside and encourage one another so we aren't facing our impressions and temptations alone?

Wonder:

9. What are ways we might be tempted to hide and how does God pursue us by his grace?
10. How is God's provision of clothes for Adam and Eve a picture of the gospel that encourages us today?

Application:

1. What is one aspect of wisdom in God's design you can apply from the life of Eve?
2. What is one warning from the anatomy of temptation of Eve that you think God wants you to heed?
3. What is one wondrous glimmer of the gospel, here at the very beginning, that gives you hope today?