



# Leader

4/30 - Genesis 2:18-25

## LOVE

**A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)**

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new?! How is your walk with the Lord? Did you have any opportunities to share the Lord with anyone?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement? How can we pray, encourage, and show love to them?

## TRUTH

**Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)**

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?

[Dialogue]

2. Let's read our primary text. What was Adam up to prior to the creation of Eve? What were his responsibilities?

- He was to care for the garden (v.15) – given work
- He was given moral guardianship (v.16) – do not eat, lest you die
- He was to name the animals (v.20) – God gave Adam authority over the animals

3. How was Adam's aloneness revealed? If Adam was surrounded by animals, was he really alone? Why does God say he was alone?

God had blessed the animals and commanded them to be fruitful and multiply, so clearly Adam observed that the animals had counterparts, but "there was not a helper fit for Adam." God was going to make one! God knows we need relationship. This is true of humanity, we don't do well in isolation. However, God did not simply "throw together" a design for relationship, he crafted a wonderful companion for Adam, a helper. This is not a weak, diminished, subordinate kind of helper, but a perfect counterpart, to be honored and valued deeply.

4. What does the Bible say about the equality of man and woman? In the Bible, is a "helper" a diminished or inferior role?

- Like Adam, Eve was given the most supreme designation on earth, image-bearer of God. (Gen. 1:27 – male and female he created them.)
- The same name was given to the Holy Spirit (Helper), by Jesus
- God is our very help in time of need (Psalm 46)
- Scripture says God was Israel's help (Isaiah 41:10)

*Why was Eve created second? Was she simply an afterthought?*

- It is hard to know fully why she was created after Adam. She certainly was not an afterthought, considering God omniscience. It could have been that God was preparing him to value his helper, cultivating a divine desire in Adam. It could have also been a designation of headship in the authority structure of the family (ex. -1 Cor 11:3).

5. Why is marriage considered covenantal? How does the Bible talk about marriage?
- 1) Marriage is referenced as a covenant in Ezekiel 16:8, Malachi 2:14
  - 2) A covenant relationship is governed by oath (our vows)
  - 3) Marriage symbolizes the covenantal relationship between God and his people
6. If marriage is a spiritual, covenantal bond, then what is adultery?
- Adultery is covenant treason. It is taking the body, which has been divinely joined together with another and set apart in holiness for Christ, and subjecting its members to prostitution. That is why it is paramount for every believer to guard their hearts and minds against this treason.
7. Why should Christians fundamentally reject the notion of "gay marriage"?
- It is a perversion of God's original design. Marriage was intended to be the human window in which we view Christ returning for His Bride. Secondly, it eliminates the possibility of fulfilling the cultural/creation mandate.
8. Throughout the Bible, God has displayed that relationship is very important to Him. How does the Bible display this in ways other than marriage?
- In the Beginning, He was in the Garden with Adam and Eve
  - In the Exodus, He was in the Pillar of Cloud and Fire
  - In our wandering, He was with Moses at Mt. Sinai
  - In the tabernacle, He was in the Ark of the Covenant- In the New Covenant: Our Bodies become a temple in which the Holy Spirit can dwell
9. How does this text cause us to change? What does it make you consider in your own life?
- [Dialogue]
10. How might you share this passage/truth with someone else? A child? A family member?
- [Dialogue]

## GREAT COMMISSION

**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)**

- Is there anyone that needs an invite to our church or this group?
- Is there anyone you know who needs to hear what we learned today in God's word?
- Does anyone here need a "refresher" on how to share the gospel?

## CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

**But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)**

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Without getting too specific, is there anything you want to confess before the group? [apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply his word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.

## HOMEWORK:

- Memorize our weekly "Fighter Verse" - Rom 12:11-13