



Study #10

Questions for Genesis:

The First Couple: Part 3 (2:18-25)

^{NAS} **Genesis 2:18** Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him." ¹⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought *them* to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ And the man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh at that place. ²² And the LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. ²³ And the man said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." ²⁴ For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

DAY 1

1. Read Genesis 2:18-25. What title would you give to this section of scripture?
2. Why in 2:18 was it "not good for the man to be alone"?
3. What does God determine to do to remedy the problem that is described in 2:18?
4. What does it mean to be a "helper suitable for him"? How does this description provide clarity regarding the role of wives?
5. What does Adam do according to 2:19?

6. What is the significance of Adam naming the animals?
7. What impact do you suppose that Adam naming all the animals would have had on him?

DAY 2

8. What three things does God do to Adam as revealed in 2:21?
9. Read verse 22 carefully. What do you discover from this verse that makes God's creation of Eve different from His creation of Adam?
10. What words would you use to describe Adam's response to Eve as revealed in 2:23?
11. How do you suppose Eve might have reacted to Adam's response to her?
12. Is there anything about the relationship between Adam and Eve that is instructive for you personally? In what ways can you learn from their example?

DAY 3

13. We know that God declared it not good for the man to be alone (2:18). God then proceeded to make a woman and bring her to Adam. We know that after this God saw his creation at the end of day 6 and considered it very good (1:31). What was it about the relationship between Adam and Eve that would have been so pleasing to God?
14. The narrative ends in verse 23 and Moses addresses his readers directly in 2:24. How does verse 24 relate back to the narrative regarding Adam and Eve?
15. How should verse 24 be interpreted? What is the purpose of this verse?

16. What is the significance of 2:25?

17. In what ways is 2:18-25 a description of and a prescription for a great marriage?

18. How does this passage shape your perspective of what constitutes a good marriage? In what ways does this passage minister to you personally?

Options for teenage adults and children

Assigned teens should pick one option and come ready to share. Teens are free to use their creativity and come up with a different idea! Please allow your parents to assist you as you prepare for Care group.

Another option is to give the teen some time during the Care group meeting to prepare one of the following and then have one of the teens present to the entire group.

- You have been invited to speak at a bridal shower. Using Genesis 2:18-25, create an outline of the points that you would want to communicate to the bride to be. Be prepared to share your outline with your Care Group.
- You have been invited to speak at a bachelor party. Using Genesis 2:18-25, create an outline of the points that you would want to communicate to the bride to be. Be prepared to share your outline with your Care Group.
- Explain the meaning and significance of 2:24.