

LIFE Group Guide
Life
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Genesis 2:7-9, 15-24



Prayer Request: Thank God for the gift of life. Pray for the person to your right, that God would show them how to fulfill their created design as a human made in God's image. Ask the Holy Spirit to increase your love of God and your gratitude for the good gifts He has given you.

Icebreaker Question(s): What is one aspect of God's creation that you are particularly thankful for??

Read Genesis 2:7-9, 15-24:

⁷ then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man."

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Sermon Outline:

- I. Knowing God (Gen. 1:1)
- II. Knowing Yourself
 1. You are made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-27)
 2. You are made from the dust of the ground (Gen. 2:7)
- III. Four marvelous gifts
 1. The Gift of a Home (Gen. 2:8)
 2. The Gift of Work (Gen. 2:15, 19)

- i. The work God gives reflects the work God does
 - ii. God is actively engaged in the work He gives (Gen. 2:19)
- 3. The Gift of Relationship (Gen. 2:18)
 - i. Friendship
 - ii. Marriage
- 4. The Gift of God Himself (Gen. 3:8)

Discussion Questions:

1. As you heard the word of God preached or read, what did the Holy Spirit remind you of, challenge you with, convict you of, or encourage you in? Did you have any questions or was anything unclear?
2. Read Genesis 2:7-9, 15-24: What is your reaction to the creation account – that God created you, and therefore you belong to Him? What does this mean for our lives? The life of our church?
3. Does it really matter whether or not we were intentionally created by God or are the product of random chance? Why or why not?
4. Read Genesis 1:26-28. What do you think the Bible means when it says that God made us “in his own image”? What are the implications of this? Verse 27 speaks of God creating man “male and female”? What are the implications for our understanding of the human body and gender?
5. Read Genesis 1:28. What does God command humanity to do? What is humankind’s place in creation? What is our purpose?
6. Would you like to experience “walking with God” as Adam and Eve did in the Garden of Eden? Why or why not?
7. What would it mean for you to know for sure that your home; your job, your school, your church or your spouse is a gift to you from God himself?
8. Discuss as a LIFE Group: What does God’s creation reveal about Him? How does God’s creation lead us to worship?

Prayer: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!