

Relationship Goals
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TALK IT OVER

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's the funniest thing you have fought about with a loved one?
- Name a couple whose relationship you want your current or future relationship to look like. Why them?

Read Genesis 2:5-25 (Passage is on 2nd page. This is from The Message version. Feel free to use or read from your own Bible/app). Once you've read the passage ask these questions:

- What new thing did you discover in the story that you did not know before?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people? (How does this relate with what Brad talked about? (Jesus is your one and your spouse is your two. You don't build a life of righteousness in the future on a foundation of sin today.)
- What will you take away from this discussion? (Relating to marriage, dating, relationships.)
- What will you do with what you have learned? (Brad challenged us to pray with our spouses. He said keep it short, keep it consistent and if you miss a day don't miss two. Remind them of this challenge. What else are people walking away with?). Commit to pray daily, and if you're in a relationship, pray together.
- Is there anything else you wanted to share that we didn't hit in this discussion?
- Next week make sure to read 1 Corinthians 7.

Make sure to check in with your SG this week. How can you pray for them? This is where the discipleship aspect comes in. Work towards identifying your 3 (that you can really pour into) and then your 1 (that person that will replicate what you're doing now). Take a few minutes each day and make a text or phone call to everyone in the group.

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Make sure to read ahead of time and either retell the story or have someone (multiple people) help you retelling the story. Make sure to use your update with points from Brad's sermon.

Genesis 2:5-25

⁵⁻⁷ At the time GOD made Earth and Heaven, before any grasses or shrubs had sprouted from the ground—GOD hadn't yet sent rain on Earth, nor was there anyone around to work the ground (the whole Earth was watered by underground springs)—GOD formed Man out of dirt from the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. The Man came alive—a living soul!

⁸⁻⁹ Then GOD planted a garden in Eden, in the east. He put the Man he had just made in it. GOD made all kinds of trees grow from the ground, trees beautiful to look at and good to eat. The Tree-of-Life was in the middle of the garden, also the Tree-of-Knowledge-of-Good-and-Evil.

¹⁰⁻¹⁴ A river flows out of Eden to water the garden and from there divides into four rivers. The first is named Pishon; it flows through Havilah where there is gold. The gold of this land is good. The land is also known for a sweet-scented resin and the onyx stone. The second river is named Gihon; it flows through the land of Cush. The third river is named Hiddekel and flows east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ GOD took the Man and set him down in the Garden of Eden to work the ground and keep it in order.

¹⁶⁻¹⁷ GOD commanded the Man, "You can eat from any tree in the garden, except from the Tree-of-Knowledge-of-Good-and-Evil. Don't eat from it. The moment you eat from that tree, you're dead."

¹⁸⁻²⁰ GOD said, "It's not good for the Man to be alone; I'll make him a helper, a companion." So GOD formed from the dirt of the ground all the animals of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the Man to see what he would name them. Whatever the Man called each living creature, that was its name. The Man named the cattle, named the birds of the air, named the wild animals; but he didn't find a suitable companion.

²¹⁻²² GOD put the Man into a deep sleep. As he slept he removed one of his ribs and replaced it with flesh. GOD then used the rib that he had taken from the Man to make Woman and presented her to the Man.

²³⁻²⁵ The Man said,
"Finally! Bone of my bone,
flesh of my flesh!
Name her Woman
for she was made from Man."

Therefore a man leaves his father and mother and embraces his wife. They become one flesh.

The two of them, the Man and his Wife, were naked, but they felt no shame.