
2. What is something you have learned about God through our study of Genesis so far?

3. Growing up, did you tend to see God as more personal and intimate, or distant and impersonal? How has your perception of God become more Biblical?

4. How has your understanding of God impacted other areas of belief (either negatively or positively)?

5. Read Psalm 103. Why is a right understanding of God so crucial to a right understanding of ourselves? What is something you can do this week to entrench God as the foundation for your self-understanding?

6. Why do you think there is such a push in our culture to redefine marriage?

LIFE TOOLS

Singles: Genesis 2 not only lays out God’s order for marriage, but it also reveals God’s purpose and order for singleness. There was a time when Adam was single and alone. God used the time of Adam’s singleness to establish the order and practice of spending time with God. God had things to teach Adam in his singleness before he created Eve. We often look at singleness as a season of loneliness that we must suffer through. Don’t waste your singleness. This season

gives you the ability to pursue God in a way that only singles can. Spend time this week in pursuing God in his word and prayer with the specific purpose of learning to see how God is using this season in your life as a blessing and not a curse.

Marrieds: The quote, “You complete me” comes from the movie Jerry Maguire. This expresses the beautiful truth of God’s order in marriage. The fact is Jerry’s got nothing on Adam! Adam’s pure joy and ecstasy as Jesus walked Eve down the aisle, “Finally! This is what I have been looking for! Bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh” Your spouse is a gift from God designed to complete you in his order. Go on a date this week and find a way to show your spouse that they complete you!

Parents of Preschoolers: Pull out some of your preschooler’s stuffed animals and talk about the names they have given to their stuffed animals. Why did they choose the names they chose? One of Adam’s job’s in the garden of eden was to name the animals. People were created to care for God’s creation and to bring glory to God.

Parents of K-6: Writes the letters of the alphabet from A to Z down the side of a sheet of paper. Work with your child to see if you can list an animal who’s name begins with each letter of the alphabet. It was Adam’s job to name the animals. While he was naming the animals he probably noticed that each male animal had a similar female animal. God made a woman for Adam to be his complement. They could work together to care for the garden and glorify God.

Parents of Teens: God bringing the animals to Adam for him to name shows us a principle about how God helps us to accomplish His calling in our lives. Adam used his God-given gifts of intellect and authority to name all the animals, and that was it. Just faithful obedience using the talents God provided in the first place. Similarly today, God has given us talents and intelligence to make our way in this world. We can be tempted to think that God isn't involved in our careers or that our vocation is somehow separate or less important than other areas of ministry. Read *Col. 3:23*, Adam's work was ministry unto God, enabled by God, ultimately for a purpose that lead to Adam's own blessing. Whether in our professional lives or in ministry God invites us to exercise the authority He has given us to work in partnership with Him. Discuss the topic of calling with your teen, what does that look like? How do you know where you’re called to serve? How do you know what your God-given strengths/gifts are?

