

God's Design for Man and Woman
Chapter 1: God's Original Design and Its Corruption

1. What stood out to you most from this chapter's teaching on God's original design and its corruption?

2. From page 29, what does it mean that God created humanity in his image?

3. From page 33-34, how does Köstenberger distinguish the role of man and woman (from Genesis 2)?

4. On pages 35-36, Köstenberger explains the meaning of the word "helper" regarding the role of the woman. How did their explanation inform your Biblical understanding of the role of helper?

5. How have you seen the breakdown of the Biblical gender roles in your own life or in the lives of those around you?

6. From page 49. How is God's grace seen in the fall?

7. On pages 50-54, Köstenberger explains "several ways in which humanity at large and Israel in particular fall short of God's ideal for marriage: polygamy, divorce, adultery, and homosexuality." How did their explanations challenge or inform your understanding of humanity's fallenness?

8. On page 55, in speaking of the image of God in the man and the woman, Köstenberger says “even in its distorted form, God’s beauty in male-female relationships and particularly in marriage still shines through.” Can you think of examples of God’s beauty in male-female relationships in your own life or in the lives of those around you?