

Discussion Guide

Discussion Guides accompany the weekly message.

Opening Activity:

Who is someone in your life who has helped you grow spiritually—not by being perfect, but by walking closely with you?

Read:

Genesis 2:8-24

Genesis 1:26-27

Ephesians 5:21-29

Isaiah 40:1-5

Discussion Questions:

1. **Created for Relationship with God (Genesis 2:8-17)**—How does God's intentional creation of Eden shape your understanding of what a right relationship with Him was meant to be?
2. **Freedom Requires Choice (Genesis 2:16-17)**—Why is obedience meaningful only if real choice exists in our relationship with God?
3. **It Is Not Good To Be Alone (Genesis 2:18)**—What does this verse reveal about God's design for human relationships beyond our relationship with Him?
4. **Equal in Value, Distinct in Role (Genesis 2:18-23)**—How does God's creation of Eve challenge cultural distortions of power, worth, or role within relationship?
5. **Completeness through Community (Genesis 2:20-23)**—In what ways has God used others to help fill gaps or weaknesses in your own life?
6. **Reflecting God's Image Today (John 13:34-35)**—What would change in your daily relationships if reflecting God's image became your primary goal?
7. Where do you find it easiest—or hardest—to pursue a right relationship with God right now?
8. How have sin or cultural expectations distorted relationships in your life, and what truth from Scripture speaks into that?
9. What does "equal in value, distinct in role, united in purpose" look like practically in your relationships?
10. How can your relationships become a clearer reflection of God's character to others?

Challenge for the Week:

Choose one relationship where God may be calling you to reflect His image more clearly, and take one intentional step this week to serve, encourage, or restore that relationship (Initiate a meaningful conversation you've been avoiding and listen without defending yourself. Offer a sincere apology or forgiveness where there has been tension or hurt. Speak encouragement or affirmation that reflects how God sees them, etc.)