



Shelby Christian Church

FOLLOWING JESUS: BEING A GODLY MAN * GENESIS 2:4-8, 15-25; 3:1-13
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Men are designed particularly male.

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ GENESIS 2:4-8, 15-25.

God created everything else in creation by His word. What made the creation of mankind different? What does this tell us about the value and worth of humanity? What are some ways that our culture undercuts the glory and purpose given to men in creation? How are men, fathers, and boyfriends portrayed in popular culture?

In verse 5, we read that there was no man to work the garden. For what purpose was man created? Why does this purpose matter? What does this purpose tell us about God? Why is it important that work was part of God's design prior to the fall? What does that tell us about the value of work? How might this realization change the way you approach your job?

Why is it important for you to encourage men to live out the purpose God has given them? What are some healthy ways in which you can do this? How have you been led, loved, protected and served by a husband, father, or other man? Can you think of a time when this leadership has led to your flourishing?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ GENESIS 3:1-13.

How did man fail to live into his calling during the fall? Read Romans 5:12-15. How did Jesus reset what it means to be a man? How have you seen hard work, compassion, and gentleness modeled well by men? Where do you see Jesus model the same in Scripture? All men face the temptation to abdicate their responsibility, embrace selfish passivity, and fail to lead at times. How has the gospel given men the strength to jump a "hurdle" unique to men?

APPLICATION

Where have you believed the lies that culture tells us about what it means to be a man?

How can you support the men in your life and help them live into their calling as the men God created them to be?

What might your unbelieving friends say are the greatest problems men face? What solutions to these problems might they suggest? How could these conversations lead to gospel conversations?

PRAYER