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## AN INTRODUCTION TO *THE FAMILY*

### INTRODUCTION

In the words of an old pop tune, we are all by nature “people who need people.” We need to belong to others, and we long for a meaningful role—an assignment or task—within that community. Without belonging and significance, life seems to have no purpose. But how did we come to be such creatures? The book of Genesis tells all.

## NOTES

Watch the DVD  
and record your  
thoughts here.

## THE BACKSTORY

**Let's turn to the ultimate authority, the Bible, for our starting point. Read individually or as a group:**

Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. . . . The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. . . . Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

—Genesis 2:7-8, 15, 19-20

You might also want to read:  
**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.**



Use the blank lines below the discussion questions to record your initial thoughts, questions, and whatever God might be saying to you through the video, so you can review and reflect on all of this later.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. According to Genesis, how did God give mankind a place of significance right from the beginning of time? Despite this role, what was missing?

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2. What would it be like to grow up without love and acceptance? Can you tell us about someone you know who had that experience? What happens to us when we don't feel we belong to anyone?

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3. Why do we all need to feel significant? What are some things you've observed people doing to achieve that? How do *you* strive to be important?

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4. What does the fact that God gave us these needs for belonging and significance tell us about Him? About ourselves?

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5. Does being in a family help you feel significant? If so, how? Tell us about a time when you or your family did something that helped a member feel a real sense of belonging and significance.

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I CAN TAKE  
TOMORROW

*Think of and write down at least one practical thing you can do tomorrow as a result of today's session.*

## WRAP-UP

Today we reflected on the fact that we each derive our identity from whatever purpose shapes our life and the community or family of which we're a part. Understanding God's design of the family is vital to our becoming good spouses, parents, and children. Thus equipped, a strong family can be used by God to strengthen the church and be a powerful witness in the world.

Remember that for more resources on Christian worldview and God's plan for the family, you can visit **[familyproject.com](http://familyproject.com)**.