

THE GLORY OF MAN AND WOMAN

Genesis 2:18-25

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the needs of their unique group.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- **PREPARE:** Give everyone in your group an index card or piece of paper with his/her name on one side. Pass around a few markers that are the same color and have each person color his/her thumb with the marker and then push it down on the blank side of the index card to make a thumbprint. Once everyone has made his/her thumbprint, put all the cards on a table in the middle of the group, or pass them around for everyone to see.
- **TALK:** As a group, try to guess which fingerprint belongs to each person.
- **ASK:** What are some unique features about each person's fingerprint? How does creation actually bear the fingerprints of God? What do we learn about God when we look at how He created both Adam and Eve?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

Intro:

- A. Read Genesis 2:18-25.** On Sunday morning, Pastor Pat shared **three ways in which we bear the fingerprints of God**. What is your **one thing** from Sunday? What stuck out to you about what you heard (a new idea, an application, a challenge, a question, or a new way of thinking)?

#1 - God made us to be Dependent

- A. Adam and Eve were dependent on God and on each other. Are you the kind of person who likes to depend on other people? Why or why not?
- B. What are some possible outcomes if we don't depend on God and take matters into our own hands instead?
- C. Give some examples of how your Cell Group has helped you grow in your dependence on God and on other Christ-followers.

#2 - God made us to be Distinct

- A. Adam and Eve were created distinct from the animals and from each other. If you're married, talk about some of the differences between you and your spouse. Have fun with this, but remember - your spouse knows where you sleep!
- B. How does this passage (and others) help us understand the role of men and women? How does this understanding compare with some of the culturally accepted views?

#3 - God made us to Delight

- A. Adam and Eve were created to delight in their relationship with God and with each other. Would you consider yourself to be a person characterized by "delight" or by "discontent"? Give some examples.
- B. **Read Psalm 37:4.** What are you delighting in outside of the Lord? Is it distracting you from delighting in the Lord?
- C. Do you feel like God has you in "sleep mode" right now while He is preparing you for what's next? How are you delighting in Him during this time of waiting? Can we think of other biblical instances in which people were figuratively put to "sleep" and it was the tool that God used to grow their faith?

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that we will accurately and joyfully live our lives as men and women who bear the fingerprints of God.

"God gives His best to those who leave the results with Him." - Jim Elliot

