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THE SIGNIFICANT OTHER

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Genesis 1:27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

1. Why is gender significant?

Genesis 2:15-18

- We need intimacy
- We need help

2. Why do we need a different other?

Genesis 2:25, 3:6-7

- We need God's grace

Growth Group Homework - September 15, 2019

Warm-Up

1. What teams have you been part of? How did the unique gifting and differences of the individuals benefit the team as a whole?
2. What would have been some of the challenges if everyone on those teams was identical?

Talk It Over

3. Looking back at your notes from this week's message, what did you find most challenging or helpful?
4. What God says about men and women is increasingly unpopular in our society. As we learn what God says, we will have opportunities to trust His plan. Read Genesis 1:26-28 and Psalm 139:13-18. What are some of the implications of these passages?
 - Think back to the Warm-Up questions and then consider these passages. How do the differences between men and women point to God's plan and kindness towards us?
5. God made us men and women so that we could combine our strengths and accomplish His purpose. How have you seen the differences between men and women become pitfalls instead of strengths?

6. Bevan explained how we often look to other people to complete us or make us happy. What are some of the reasons both men and women do this?
7. In the New Testament book of Romans, the Apostle Paul uses the first 11 chapters to explain how sin impacts us and then shows what Jesus did to save us. Starting in chapter 12, through the end of the book, Paul explains how we are to live based on what Christ has done. Read Romans 12:1-2. What stands out to you?
 - What do you think it means to "not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind"?
 - To "test and approve God's will" means you live how the Bible instructs. Is there something you have learned in the Bible and then started applying and over time realized the benefits? What was it and what happened?
8. Think back through the discussion. What is one thing God is challenging you to focus on? What is a next step of action you can take?

Take It Home