Series *Sermon-based Growth Group Questions*

February 21, 2021
Genesis 2:18-25

Introductory Discussion:

What insight from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Discussion:

1. What was man made out of (verse 7), and what are the animals made out of (verse 19)?
    a. What does man have that is different from the animal (verse 7)?
    b. This carries with it the idea that mankind has an essential difference from the animals - we have a spirit. What does that spirit allow us to do that is different from animals?
2. What does it mean for man to name all of the animals and what is the purpose for it (Look at what he discovers at the end of verse 20)?
3. According to Genesis 2:18, God knew the man needed a woman. Since God does not make mistakes, why do you think he waited to create her?
    a. At the end of verse 20, who discovers that he needs someone?
    b. If God let Adam discover his need before providing for him, what message is there in this for us?
4. What does the passage mean by "helper"?
    a. Does that make her inferior to him?
5. Adam calls her, "bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh." What could that symbolize about their relationship?
    a. The trinity is also "one." Can you see the relationship between man and woman as a mirror of the trinity?
    b. Who is the third part?
6. Verse 24 says, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." What can we learn about the marriage relationship from this verse?
7. Jesus is also presented as the "bridegroom" and we (the church) are represented as the bride. What does this verse tell us about our relationship with Jesus?
    a. What can we learn about marriage from our relationship with Jesus?
    b. How can we present the gospel through how we live out our marriages?

8. In verse 25, “ the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.” Think of what it means to be naked and unashamed emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually; what could this represent in terms of how we live in our marriages?

    a. In our lives?

    b. In our relationship with God?

9. Why is it important to understand that this chapter describes the ideal?

    a. How did it help us even though we live in a fallen world?