

2. God Creates People (Genesis 2:4-25)

Connect

- What are you thankful for today?
- How have you seen God working in your life this past week?
- What difficulties are you experiencing in life? How may we help?
- How did you apply last session's discovery? What happened?
- With whom did you share last session's discovery? What was their response?

Instructions:

Please use the following steps to guide your discovery of God's truth in the passages below. Need to review the [Group Guidelines](#)?

Discover

Step 1-Participants take turns reading sections of the passage (clarify new words/terms)

Step 2-One person reads the entire passage out loud while the rest listen

Step 3-A participant retells the passage in his/her own words (others add their thoughts)

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4This is the account of the creation of the heavens and the earth. When the lord God made the earth and the heavens, **5**neither wild plants nor

grains were growing on the earth. For the lord God had not yet sent rain to water the earth, and there were no people to cultivate the soil.

6Instead, springs came up from the ground and watered all the land.

7Then the lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person.

8Then the lord God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he placed the man he had made.

9The lord God made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground—trees that were beautiful and that produced delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden he placed the tree

of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. 10A river flowed from the land of Eden, watering the garden and then dividing into four

branches. 11The first branch, called the Pishon, flowed around the entire land of Havilah, where gold is found.

12The gold of that land is exceptionally pure; aromatic resin and onyx stone are also found there.

13The second branch, called the Gihon, flowed around the entire land of Cush. 14The third branch, called the Tigris, flowed east of the land of

Asshur. The fourth branch is called the Euphrates.

15The lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.

16But the lord God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—

17except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die."

18Then the lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for

him." 19So the lord God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he

would call them, and the man chose a name for each one.

20He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild

animals. But still there was no helper just right for him. 21So the lord

God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the lord God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. 22Then the lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man. 23"At last!" the man exclaimed. "This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken from 'man.'" 24This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. 25Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.

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Ask/Answer:

- What does this passage mean?
- What do you like/not like about this passage?
- How does this passage change the way you see God/people?

Respond: If this is true...

- How should it change the way you live?
- With whom will you share today's discovery?