



WEEK 4

Topic: God's Design for Companionship and Covenant

Takeaway: God created marriage as a gift that unites man and woman in purpose order and intimacy under His blessing.

Welcome/Open In Prayer

Introductions: Share the topic & takeaway this week from above.

God Stories: A God Story is an undeniable encounter or experience that creates an impact or breakthrough in a person's day-to-day life.

Review from last week: Have you thought about how you could get involved with local missions, what is your plan for that next step?

Review the guidelines: Share the guidelines to set the rails for group time.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT | CONFIDENTIALITY | LISTEN | PAUSE | SILENCE | NO "CROSS TALK"
NO FIXING | NO RESCUING | SHARING | SELF AWARE | "I" STATEMENTS | CONFLICT**



Ask a thought-provoking question to get the group focused

Tell about a wedding you attended that made a lasting impression on you and why you still remember it?

Share background and provide context to the Bible story.

Genesis 2 was written in a context shaped by ancient Near Eastern culture, where stories of creation and origins were central to religious and political identity. The story echoes Mesopotamian traditions that emphasized humanity's connection to the soil, Adam is formed from adamah, the Hebrew word for ground, reinforcing a bond between people and land. The text predates the centralized Israelite monarchy but subtly affirms divine sovereignty by portraying God as a personal, hands-on creator rather than a distant ruler. The garden setting evokes temple imagery, suggesting sacred space and divine presence, which later shaped Israel's understanding of worship and holiness. Israel is invited to see themselves as created for relationship, calling, and sacred work under the guidance of one sovereign God - and now the story from God's Word



SHARE THE STORY
Genesis 2:4-25



REBUILD THE STORY



READ THE STORY



Dive Deeper

WITH DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) In Genesis 2:18-20 what problem did God identify for the man and how did He lead Adam to see his need for a companion?
- 2) Why did God create the woman for the man, and what do verses 24-25 teach about marriage...or... What do verses 24-25 teach us about God's design for marriage, family, and covenant relationship?
- 3) How does God's design for companionship shape the way you view relationships, trust, and intimacy today...or How does seeing God's design for man and woman affect the way you value relationships today?
- 4) What is one step you can take this week to strengthen trust, deepen intimacy, or create unity in an important relationship?

***PRAYER REQUESTS* | ASK A VOLUNTEER TO CLOSE IN PRAYER | ASSIGN NEXT WEEK'S STORY - Genesis 3:1-7**
Share & record prayer requests & follow up throughout the week