

The Heart of the Matter

13. In light of how well God knew Adam's needs and desires, how well does God know your needs and desires?

14. Have you ever felt alone? How did God help you through that time?

15. In what other ways are husbands and wives to find unity and oneness with each other? If you are married, are you experiencing the kind of oneness that you believe you should, and if not, what needs to change?

16. In what areas do you need to seek out God's forgiveness to overcome the shame that you experience from time to time in your life?

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Life Group Study Guide

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God's Good Earth Genesis 2:4-25 For the Week of June 25, 2017

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. How would you describe the perfect place to be? Where would it be? Who would be with you? What would you do there?
3. What was the loneliest time you have ever experienced in your life?

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Digging Deeper

4. Based on Genesis 2:4-6, what conditions seem to be different with respect to how things were on earth in the beginning compared to how things are now?

5. What are some of the implications for us with respect to our being made from the dust of the earth in verses 7 & 8? (Genesis 3:19; 23; Psalm 103:14; Isaiah 64:8)

6. What was the major significance and purpose of the two trees listed in verse 9? How does the theme of the tree of life appear later in the Bible?

7. As God placed man in the garden how much freedom did God give to man in verses 15-17? What were the limitations and implications of God's commands?

8. Up to this point all that God had created was very good. But, in verse 18, many scholars believe that the first crisis of creation is mentioned. What is the crisis and how did God provide a solution in the following verses? Was it really ever a crisis for God?

9. What is significant about God creating woman last in His order of creation?

10. What do you think is meant by the term "helper" used for the role of the woman in verse 18?

11. What does it mean that Adam and Eve were "naked and they felt no shame?"

12. How would you characterize the relationship between Adam and his new wife? Between God and man? What makes this kind of fellowship possible? (I John 1:1-7)