

Women's Bible Study

Genesis 2:4-25

1. Compare the creation accounts in the first two chapters of Genesis. What differences can you spot in the writer's style, focus and in the details and order of creation between the two chapters? Since a single author either wrote or compiled both of these accounts, we know that they are complementary, not contradictory. Describe in your own words how the accounts add to each other.

2. As you consider verses 8-20, what do we learn about our "work" as an extension of God's creative work in Genesis 1? What does "gardening" teach us about our work? What does Adam's job of naming the animals indicate about our work?

3. Consider the responsibilities and instructions that God gives Adam in verses 15-17. What do these reveal about the life God originally intended for us?

4. What do we learn about the woman from this account of her creation in verses 20-23? How does Adam's statement in verse 23 reflect his appreciation of his new partner?

5. What important truths about marriage do verses 24-25 teach us? What do we learn about the purpose and boundaries for sexuality? Describe in your own words what it means to be "naked and unashamed".

6. How does this passage help you understand who you were created to be? As fallen creatures we have not lived up to the potential of creation, bring your disappointments and pain to the Lord for his healing.