

Genesis: The Book That Started It All

Group Guide | August 31

Open with prayer and a question (5 minutes).

Begin your time together as a group with a word of prayer. Thank God for this space to learn, share, and grow!

If married, what is one marriage tip you wish everyone knew? If unmarried, what is something you'd like more information about regarding marriage? Explain.

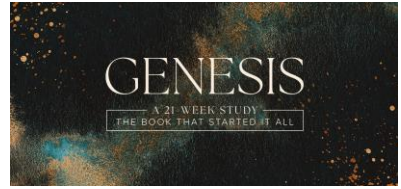
READ Genesis 2:18-25 and begin with these questions as a large group (35 minutes).

- What stood out or challenged you from Dan's sermon on Sunday?
- Which "gift" of marriage resonated with you the most? Explain.
- In his sermon, Dan taught from God's word that one gift of marriage is "complementarity." How have you seen this gift at work in your own marriage or relationships? If you're seeking marriage, how might this idea impact how you date?
- With respect and kindness towards your spouse, in what ways does any difference you have from your spouse cause friction in your marriage? If unmarried, how does the potential for deep difference experienced in a marital relationship make you feel? How do you (either married or unmarried) navigate moments of deep difference between your spouse or another person? How can the Holy Spirit help?
- Another gift that Dan mentioned is the gift of fruitfulness. Do you see children as being an integral part of marriage? Why or why not?
- Read **Ephesians 5:21-32** and **Revelation 19:6-9**. Last question: Do you see marriage as revealing Christ's relationship to his Church? As anticipating our union with God in heaven? How would a deeper realization of these realities change how you interact with your spouse, date, or view marriage in general?

Split into gendered groups for deeper discussion (20 minutes).

- If married, are there any places of struggle you have in your marriage you'd like prayer for or wisdom in?
- Our culture can often idolize and romanticize marriage. If unmarried, do you feel that this is the case? How does that make you feel? In what ways would you like prayer related to marriage?

Spend time praying over one another based on things shared from these two questions.



Come back together as a large group for prayer requests and prayer (5 minutes).

As you end your group time, share your prayer requests. Have someone record them and send them out to everyone. Then, finish by having someone pray over your group.