

God & Gender

Week 1: God's Design for Men and Women

Weekly Summary: When a “bad Samaritan” met Jesus, she was shocked by his behavior. He engaged her, confused her, and then saved her, turning her into the Bible’s most unlikely missionary. This message reminds us that Jesus is still offering the water of life to the most unlikely people in the most unlikely places.

◆ Big Idea: God made men and women unique and united.

UNIQUE	UNITED
<u>Physically</u>	<u>In God's image</u>
<u>Sexually</u>	<u>In God's mission</u>
<u>Calling</u>	<u>Sin</u>
<u>Temptation</u>	<u>Brokenness</u>
<u>Consequences</u>	<u>Jesus</u>

◆ Genesis 1:27-28 - So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. **28** God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

❖ United: In God's image

❖ United: In God's mission

❖ Unique: Physically

❖ Unique: Sexually

◆ Genesis 2:20b-22 - But for Adam no suitable helper was found. **21** So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. **22** Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

❖ Unique: **Calling**

◆ Genesis 3:1-6 - Now the serpent said to the woman... **2** The woman said to the serpent... **4** ... the serpent said to the woman... **6** When the woman saw...

◆ Genesis 3:6b - She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

❖ Unique: **Temptation**

❖ United: **Sin**

❖ Unique: **Consequences**

❖ United: **Brokenness**

◆ Genesis 3:15 - "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

❖ United: **Jesus**

Points to Ponder

1. Think of the men from your past (father, brothers, friends, boyfriends, husband, etc.) and consider how safe they made you feel. Were the best protectors the best men?
2. Read Philippians 2:5-11. Why is Jesus the greatest man of all time?
3. Challenge: Men, how could you better protect, emotionally and physically, the people God has put in your life? Women, in what ways could you imitate God, the ultimate Helper, and help those in your circle of influence?

Homework For Next Week: 1 Corinthians 11-14