

Bible Essentials

Scripture Passage: Genesis 2:4-25

As a group, share something about your past week. For example, share prayer requests and answers to prayer. Share the best and worst moments of your week (highs and lows). Write prayer requests here. Open with prayer for these requests and for God to open your hearts to this week's study.

What is your earliest memory? Who were you with? What were you doing?

Read today's passage. Discuss your initial impressions of the passage. Write any major points here.

Here is some context for Genesis 2:4-25.

It's the beginning of time as we know it. God has just created every thing in the universe in Genesis 1, and we now zoom in to look specifically at the creation of humans.

What are your thoughts about the context? Discuss the context as a group. Write some key points here.

Read the passage again. Use a different Bible version if you have one available. Have someone summarize the passage in their own words, and use this space to record that summary.

Look closely at the passage and answer the following questions as a group. Write notes in the space provided.

What does the passage say about God?

What does the passage say about people?

What does the passage say about God's plan?

What else strikes you about this passage?

Understanding how a passage fits into the overarching story of the Bible is important.

This story kicks off everything we know about the start of the human race. Most importantly, we are created by God to do his work. Secondly, we were created to connect with others. We aren't made to live alone and be isolated. God made sure that the first humans felt connected to God and to each other. This theme of relationship continues throughout the entire Bible. Next week, we'll learn about that relationship being broken, and the rest of the Bible illustrates how God worked tirelessly to restore that broken relationship.

What are your thoughts on how this passage fits into the overarching story of the Bible? Discuss as a group. What questions do you have individually or as a group? Discuss potential answers.

As a group, use the following questions to apply today's Scripture passage to your life. How does this passage affect how you view God?

How does this passage affect how you view yourself?

How does this passage affect how you will live your life?

Close in prayer, asking God to help you apply what you learned today.