

# Bible Essentials

Scripture Passage: Genesis 2:4-25

Think about your past week. How has God answered prayer or worked in your life? What prayer requests do you have? Write them here. Then take time to pray about your requests and ask him to open your heart for today's study.

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Read today's passage. Jot down your initial impressions of the passage.

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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? Write some key points here.

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Read the passage again. Use a different Bible version if you have one available. Then summarize the passage in your own words.

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Look closely at the passage and answer the following questions.

What does the passage say about God?

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What does the passage say about people?

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What does the passage say about God's plan?

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What else strikes you about this passage?

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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? Write your thoughts here. If you have any questions, write those as well. You may find answers in future lessons, or you may want to find another Christian that you can ask.

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Use the following questions to apply today's Scripture passage to your own life.

How does this passage affect how you view God?

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How does this passage affect how you view yourself?

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

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