



SERMON PREP GUIDE

MAY 20, 2018

READING GOD'S WORD

Genesis 2:4-18

DISCUSSING GOD'S WORD

1. What specific responsibilities and instructions did God give to Adam before He created Eve (Genesis 2:15-18)?
2. Why do you think God asked Adam to work and keep a garden that was already “pleasant to the sight and good for food” (Genesis 2:9,15)?
3. What was the one direct prohibition that God gave to Adam in the garden (Genesis 2:17)?
4. What words are given in God's prohibition that leads us to believe God was protecting something precious more than withholding something pleasant (Genesis 2:16-17)?
5. Why do you think the words, “It is not good that the man should be alone,” came out of God's voice before the words came out of Adam (Genesis 2:18)?

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

1. What in God's creation (relationships, jobs, resources, etc.) has He entrusted you to work and cultivate? How are you using your gifts to beautify what He has entrusted?
2. What instructions has God given you that you routinely question are in your best interest? What would it take for you to trust God in these areas?
3. Why do you believe it is not in our best interest to live this life alone? How are you cultivating your friendships?
4. What characteristics should a person cultivate to prepare them for healthy relationships that glorify the Lord?