

What Does the Bible Say About... The Goodness of Gender?

Genesis 1:27-28, 2:15-25

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- The man is to PROVIDE SECURITY for the woman

- The woman BRINGS REST to the man

- The woman BRINGS DIVINE HELP to the man

3. God brings clarity to the confusion.

- We must PASS ON God's GRAND NARRATIVE

- We must offer COMPASSION and GRACE

- We must find FULFILLMENT in CHRIST

This has been the summer of gender discussion and increasing gender confusion. What does the Bible say about gender? This morning we will look to the grand narrative of Genesis 1 and 2 to see three clarifying factors.

1. God has created man and woman equal. (Genesis 1:27-28)

- Both MADE in His IMAGE

- Both to FILL the EARTH

- Both to RULE the EARTH

2. God has designed differences. (Genesis 2:15-25)

- The man is to LEAD in the CARE for creation

Family Discussion Questions

1. In what ways have the news events of this summer confused the idea of gender for our culture? In what ways are you confused about what it means to be a man or woman?
2. Read Genesis 1:27-28 together. In what ways are men and women created similar and equal? How does the image of God play into this? How can we celebrate and affirm this in our lives, relationships, and church?
3. Read Genesis 2:15-25 together. What are the different responsibilities that God has designed into man and woman? How do these help the other flourish and grow? How does this point to the trinity in sameness and uniqueness?
4. What are some practical ways we can pass on God's design for man and woman to our family, friends and culture?
5. How can we as a church show compassion and grace to one another, as we each own our struggles and shortcomings as men and women?

This Week's Household/Family Worship Challenge.

Grab one opportunity as a household/family (roommates, spouse, kids, grandkids) to talk about the place of gender in God's order of creation? Where do you struggle with this concept? Why has God designed things this way? How is Christ the answer to all our gender struggles?