

...with Adam and Eve

Genesis 2:7

⁷Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Genesis 2:18

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Genesis 2:23-25

²³The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

²⁴For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

²⁵The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Genesis 3:6-13

⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

¹¹And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

¹²The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

Study Questions:

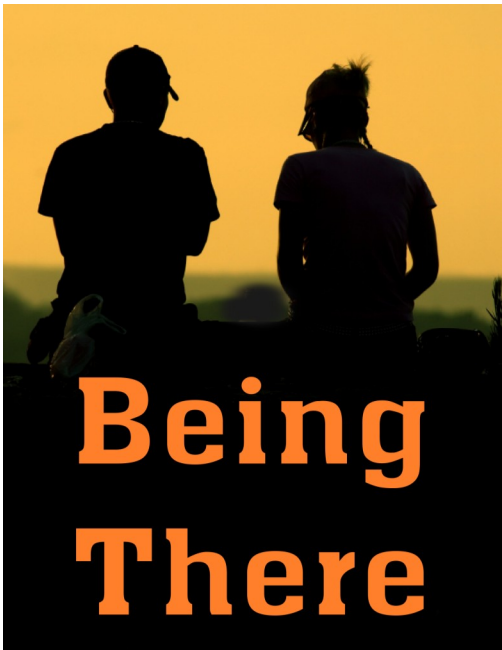
Use these questions in your community group time to dig deeper and discover how you can apply today's message to everyday life.

Key passage: Genesis 1-3

1. What questions did this week's message raise for you?
2. Read Genesis 2:4-18 together.
 - a) What are the high points of the story?
 - b) What do you think we are to take away from those points about our relationships?
3. What does this whole story (chapters 1-3) tell us about why relationships can be such a struggle in our lives?
4. What does this story tell you about what God says concerning how to find relational health?
5. From verses 2:7 & 2:24, how would you complete this sentence:

The directional flow of healthy relationships—the way God created them to be—is from _____ to _____?

{Hint: there are more than two words you could put in there that get to the same idea. So read the verses and explain it in a way that makes sense to you.}
6. In the case of relationships that seem to go on and on in a bad way what do you think God is asking us to do about them? Does 1 Peter 5:5-7 give any help here?
7. Spend some time in your group praying for each other, and for relationships in general. If anyone feels able to share a specific relationship need spend, some time on those relationships especially.



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