

October 10th, 2021 Sermon Bible Study (Pentecost 20)

Sermon: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is a suitable partner for him." ¹⁹Out of the soil the LORD God had formed every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them. Whatever the man called every living creature, that became its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal, but for Adam no helper was found who was a suitable partner for him. ²¹The LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. As the man slept, the LORD God took a rib and closed up the flesh where it had been. ²²The LORD God built a woman from the rib that he had taken from the man and brought her to the man. ²³The man said, Now this one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She will be called "woman," because she was taken out of man. ²⁴For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and will remain united with his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Theme: It's Not Good to Be Alone!

Link to Audio Sermon:

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Sermon Study Guide

Contemplate these questions during the sermon and feel free to write your thoughts in the blank spaces.

- 1. If you want to get someone invested in an idea, make them think it's their idea. How does God get Adam to realize he has a need for a helper? What is the importance of us realizing we have a need for companionship in life?**
- 2. God created males and females differently for a good reason. What are some of the differences between the genders and how does it serve God's kingdom?**
- We see God's intention for marriage. It is a life long union between one man and one woman. In our modern day society this must be acknowledged. God sets what marriage is; not human society.**
- 3. Why is it so valuable (and essential) for us to gather together as a Christian family? What blessings does our companionship give us that we cannot find in the world as a whole?**
- 4. We can't do it alone. If we try to get into heaven on our own merit (ignoring what Jesus has done for us) we will never make it. Are you ever tempted to believe that facing this world alone would be better or easier? What problems do you see coming about from that mindset?**