

GENESIS 2:15-18

OPENING

Read Genesis 2:15-18. What is the context of this passage? What does it say about our humanity that God declared it “not good” that man was alone?

QUESTIONS

Read Proverbs 18:24. What might it look like to have many companions but no friends? How might this play out today? Give examples.

1) What comes to mind when you hear the word “friendship”? Consider this statement: You were made for friendship. What are your reactions to it? Do you think friendship is something God wired deep into our humanity?

2) What are some barriers that prevent us from cultivating deep friendships? Do you think we often see friendship as a “nice to have but not needed” option?

3) Read Proverbs 18:1. How do we isolate ourselves? What does it look like to be open and vulnerable to our friends in a healthy way?

4) The sermon referenced three practical ways to cultivate friendship: closeness, constancy, and vulnerability. Which of these three do you need the most growth in?

5) Jesus calls us His friends (See John 15:13-15). How should friendship with Jesus shape our other friendships? What are some ways we can cultivate friendship with Him?

SCRIPTURE

Write which passage of scripture you are reading.

OBSERVATION

What is this text saying? What is the context? How does it fit with the verses before and after it? Are there any commands or instructions?

APPLICATION

How can you apply this verse to your life? What does this mean today? What is God saying to you?

PRAYER

Respond to the passage in prayer. Ask God to help you apply this truth to your life and spend some time listening to what He may be telling you.
