

These questions are for the January 25, 2026, message, “Good News about Gender.” Please read the sermon passage (Genesis 2:4-9) out loud.

Passage Outline

1. The greatness of God in making Male and Female (1:27).
 - a. In His infinite wisdom, God made pairs which depend on each other.
 - i. Light is more glorious because of darkness (and vice versa).
 - ii. Land / water, sun / moon, birds / fish and male / female.
 - b. Note! 1 Cor 15:45-49: The “first Adam” was a physical man of dust. The “last Adam” is spiritual, a “man of heaven” whose image we bear through faith.
2. The grace of God in making male and female equal (1:28-30).
 - a. Equal does not mean “same.” But God made male and female equal, each . . .

-made for God’s glory.	-given dominion over the earth.
-represented in Adam (5:2).	-given seeds and fruit for food (1:29).
-created by God.	-made for relationship with God.
-created in God’s image.	-accountable to God (Rom 14:12).
-blessed, commanded to multiply.	-heirs of Christ’s riches (Gal 3:28).
 - b. Because we are equal we live with humility towards one another.
3. The glory of God in making male and female different (Gen 2:4-9).
 - a. We are made for different roles and functions (see Phil 2:1-11).
 - b. Because God made man first, he expects man to lead the way in knowing God, submitting to God and sacrificially loving others (1 Tim 2:13).
4. How do we respond when God’s ways are rejected?
 - a. Honest with yourself and God about your doubts.
 - b. Humbly guarding the practices of the redeemed (1 Cor 5:1-5).
 - c. Happily walking in God’s ways (1 Cor 5:6-8)
 - d. Hold out this friction point: “Who is Jesus Christ?” (1 Cor 5:9-13)

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Discuss God’s infinite wisdom in creating a world where pairs depend on each other in order to flourish and give Him glory. Where is this dependence on one another broken and painful? Where is it beautiful and life-giving?
2. Based on #2, above: Man and woman are equal in value, giftedness and intellect. Why is it crucial for a man to see himself as equal (not better or worse)? Why is it crucial for a woman to see herself as equal (not better or worse)? Do you struggle with imbalance?
3. Based on #3, above: We emphasized one difference (2:7), namely, that because God made man first, the man is expected to take the lead on knowing God, submitting to God and sacrificing his own needs to serve others (1 Tim 2:13). We see this happening in the church in increasing measure under God’s grace. Where do we see this happening?
4. Based on #4, above: Do you have someone in your life who rejects their own gender? How are the suggested responses helpful? How might they be improved?