

Sermon Study Guide – September 13th, 2020

Today's Focus: "Built for Relationships"

1) Introductory thoughts on today's message...

- ◆ Today as we continue our series, "Return to Eden", we will talk about how God "built" us for relationships...
- ◆ What does it mean to be "built for" something? If something is "built for" something else, how well should it function? Are we "built for relationships"? How or how not?

2) Today's Message: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸ The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." ¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. ²³ The 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." ²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

3) What does God want you to know today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:

Answer the following questions to help you follow the sermon...

1. *As we work through our sermon text...*

⇒ In what way was Adam “built” for a relationship?

⇒ What does it mean that Eve was Adam’s “helper”?

Is it a negative title? (hint: *we’ll answer this later in sermon*)

2. *As you listen to the remainder of the sermon...*

⇒ If God “built” us for relationships, what problem does divorce reveal?

⇒ What kind of relationship does Jesus have with us as our Savior?

⇒ If we have “the same mindset as Christ in (our) relationships” (Philippians 2), what does it mean for...

- ... *how we view marriage?*
- ... *what roles men & women have in marriage?*

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week’s truths:

Monday: review Mt. 19:1-11, Eph. 5:21-33

Thursday: 1 Peter 3

Tuesday: Ephesians 6

Friday: Philippians 2:1-18

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:16

Saturday: read/review Genesis 2