

GENESIS: REAL GOD. PART I: REAL BEGINNINGS
REAL RELATIONSHIPS – GENESIS 2:4–25

NOTES:

Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study:

For Starters: God created us for relationship with Him and others. How would you describe your relationship with God? What are some highlights or challenges you have relating to others?

The Basics: Read Genesis 2:4–25 What stands out to you regarding the details of Adam and Eve’s relationship with God and with one another? What are some key words or phrases? What is clear or confusing? Discuss

Quick Fire Round:

1. **Our Father.** How does Jesus describe our Father in the following verses? (Matt 6:3–4, 6:7–8, 7:7–11, 6:25–33, 10:19–20, 18:12–14, Luke 15:1, 15:20–24, John 6:40, 16:27). How does your earthly father compare to your heavenly father? As a parent (grandparent), how do you, could you, represent God to your kids?
2. **Creation.** Read Romans 8:18–23. How did the actions of Adam and Eve affect creation? How will the redemption of humanity affect creation? What does this tell you about the relationship between man and creation?
3. **Marriage.** Read Genesis 2:18–24, Ephesians 5:19–32, Colossians 3:18–21. Is it significant that marriage is the first covenant in the Bible? How does marriage reflect the relationship between Christ and the church? What specifically does Christ do for the church? How do you reflect Christ in your marriage?
4. **Relationships.** Read Matt 22:36–40. Jesus said the *greatest* commandment was to *love* God, what does that mean? Can you describe your relationship with God the Father as a love relationship? If not, how can you get there? How do we love God by loving our neighbors? What does this mean to you? Now read Luke 10:25–37. Consider who your neighbor is and how you can love them?

Community Group Prayer and Action: Take time to pray for one another’s relationships, specifically for marriages, families, in the church, community and workplace. Pray specifically for those you may struggle to love as your neighbor.

A Closing Prayer: Father God, thank you that you love me like a good Father. Draw me closer to you and help me trust you daily. Thank you for all my relationships and I ask you would be integral and central in all of them. Amen.

Additional Resources: <https://www.aacc.net/2016/07/22/purpose-of-sabbath-rest/>
Brueggemann – *Genesis*; Wiersbe – *Be Basic: Genesis 1–11*