

God loved us... by giving us life.

God loved us... by giving us work and rest.

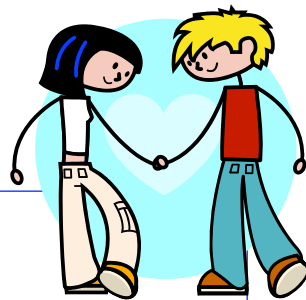
God loved us... by giving us boundaries.

God loved us... by making us social creatures.

God loved us... by making men and women.

God loved us... by giving us marriage.

Questions?



*What have you learnt from this study?
In what ways have you been challenged?*



Bible Studies 2013: Genesis



2. Men, Women & Relationships

Last week we read about God creating the universe. This week we meet God's most amazing creatures: women and men.

Read God's Word

Genesis 2:4–25.

Stop and think

Look over the passage again. Are there any words you're not sure about?

- 1a. Where does God place the man and the woman?
- 1b. What is at the centre of the garden?
2. What should the man do? What must he *not* do?
- 3a. What is *not good* about this garden?
- 3b. How is this problem solved?
4. According to this passage, how does a man's relationship with his parents change when he gets married?



What does the Bible say about the relationship between parents and children? (eg Eph 6:1–4)

How does this relationship change when a couple gets married? What would this look like?

[Optional] Is it wrong for a married couple to live with their parents? What are the benefits and dangers of this situation?

- 5a. What does it mean that the married couple become 'one flesh'?
- 5b. *When* do they become 'one flesh'?
- 5c. What is the relationship between the man and the woman like? Is the Bible positive or negative about sexuality here?

What is God's view of sex before marriage?

Does this make God against sex? Why or why not?

How far do you think couples should go while dating?

[Optional] Do you think it is wise for boyfriends and girlfriends to live in the same house before getting married?