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Session 2

The Design for Community

Day 01

Devotional

Genesis 1:26–27 “Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”

Be still

Read

Examine

Apply

Devote to prayer

Day 02

Devotional

Genesis 2:18 "Then the LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.'"

Be still

Read

Examine

Apply

Devote to prayer

Day 03 Devotional

Genesis 11:1, 4, 8–9 “Now the whole earth had one language and the same words... Then they said, ‘Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.’ ... So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth, and from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.”

Be still

Read

Examine

Apply

Devote to prayer

Day 04 Devotional

Acts 2:1–4 “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Be still

Read

Examine

Apply

Devote to prayer

Day 05 Devotional

1 John 1:3 "That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ."

Be still

Read

Examine

Apply

Devote to prayer

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Discussion Questions

1. How does the Trinity — one God, three persons — reshape the idea that God is distant or self-sufficient?
2. The session traces “unity within diversity” from physics to biology to the Trinity to humanity. Why does this pattern matter for how we think about community?
3. Genesis 1:26-27 uses communal language (“let us”) even before Eve is created. What does this suggest about the nature of the image of God?
4. God says “it is not good for man to be alone” even while Adam is in unbroken fellowship with God himself. What does this tell you about the limits of “just me and Jesus” spirituality?
5. Compare Babel and Pentecost. What does it mean that at Babel differences divided people, but at Pentecost differences were gathered without being erased?
6. 1 John 1:2-3 ties fellowship with God and fellowship with each other together as one gift. Why can’t we fully separate our vertical relationship with God from our horizontal relationships with others?
7. Where in your life have you tried to “unite apart from God” — building community around something other than him? What happened?
8. How does knowing God is relational at his very core change the way you think about your own need for others?

Exercise

We were formed within relationship from the beginning — community isn't an accessory to faith, it's woven into how we were made.

- This week, reach out to one person in your small group that you don't normally get to see between groups. Invite them to coffee, a meal, or a phone call — not to accomplish anything, just to be known and to know them.
- Ask them two questions that go beneath the surface: "What's something you're walking through right now that most people don't ask about?" and "Where have you felt God's presence lately?"
- Practice listening without fixing. Resist the urge to offer solutions — just be present with them the way God is present with you.
- As you end your time together, reflect and discuss with your group: What did it feel like to be asked real questions? What did it feel like to ask them?