

No Tan Lines
Genesis 1-2
October 18, 2015
Message Notes



Some thoughts about how most boys grow up . . .

God's Gospel creation intent

1. God's Smile

Genesis 1-2

Genesis 1.28a

2. Baby-making

Genesis 1.28b

Lonely, in need of a companion? No—alone, in need of a helper!

Genesis 2.15-16, 21-25

3. Baby-making that's really fun

The creation of male and female, and their love making at the end of Genesis 2 is the pinnacle of all God's creation!

Now, a couple of additional really important thoughts:

1. What if I'm married and we don't have any kids? Or what if I'm single?

2. Does Jesus have anything to say about marriage?

Matthew 19.4-6

3. Marriage, Sex and the Gospel

Philippians 1.6

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Growth Group Questions



1. If you're married, what's good in your marriage? What is something good you add to your marriage? If you're single, what is one good thing God has done or is doing in your life? Affirm and encourage one another in His good work in your lives.

2. Hunker down in Ephesians 5.21-33. Read, talk and apply God's Words through Paul about marriage. Here are some thoughts to get you going and think of some others as well:

a. Think specifically how Christ loves the church. Now apply this to how husbands are to love wives.

b. What is the bedrock of Paul's instructions about marriage, Ephesians 5.31?

c. What is this "profound mystery," Ephesians 5.32? We discover here another grand creation intent and purpose of marriage. Talk about this purpose for a man and woman becoming one.

d. Wives are called to "respect" their husbands. What does respect look like? What does it not look like?

e. How does the Gospel (Philippians 1.6) give us hope for thriving in marriage?

3. How can you encourage singles, young and young plus? How can you love them as equal parts of the body of Jesus—not as special projects? Think practical. And act. (You may also want to take a look at the blog *6 Things Single People are Tired of Hearing* at paseodelrey.org)