



God's Original Divine Design for Marriage and Family

Ice Breaker: Cookies!!! Do you like soft and chewy or crispy cookies?

Read Together: Genesis 1:26-27 (ESV)

Consider and Discuss:

- > *God was complete. He didn't need anything. Why did He Create Humanity?*
- > *God's design for family is being attacked in our culture. What are some specific ways that you see this happening?*

Consider and Discuss:

- **God designed and defined gender.**
 - God made gender, so naturally, He gets to define it.
 - His design was unique, distinct, yet equally valuable and made in His image.
 - Satan Hates God's definition of gender and marriage. He brings confusion and distortion to who God has called us to be.
 - When we align ourselves with the lie that someone can be different than what God created them to be, we are telling God that He doesn't know what He is doing.
 - > *Discuss how each gender shows parts of God's image. Where do you see God in Men and in Women?*
 - > *How can we love people well while confirming their God given design?*

Consider and Discuss:

- **God's designed gender has a complementary function.**

Read Together: Genesis 2:18 (ESV), Genesis 2:21-23 (ESV), Genesis 2:24 (ESV)

- God's intent was to give man a helper to make a bad situation, good.
 - > **What "bad situation" was Adam in that led to the creation of Eve?**
 - > **How are women helpful to men?**
 - > **How do women make bad situations good?**
 - > **If you have had bad experiences with God's design for complimentary function, how can you invite Him to start healing that now?**

Consider and Discuss:

- **God's designed gender defines sexuality.**

Read Together : Genesis 1:28(ESV)

- Men and Women were created to partner and to reproduce.
 - > **What does it mean to be Fruitful and Multiply?**
 - > **God sets orphans in families... if you don't have biological children, are there children God has given you to pour into?**

Consider and Discuss:

- **Pastor Jason asked several questions to help us process and reflect.**

- > **Is there anything that I have been deceived in regarding Gender?**
- > **Have I believed any lies about Gender?**
- > **Have I traded my role of male or female for another role?**
- > **Have I made a decision not to honor the role of a husband or wife in my home?**
- > **Have I allowed Culture to shape the design of how I see God's design?**