

Truth & Culture

Family

Genesis 1-2

MAIN IDEAS

- God's intended design for family
- The impact of sin on family
- Examples from scripture of sin's corruptive impact on families
- Redemption and restoration through Christ

What does God's creation of male and female (Genesis 1:27-28) signify about His design for family?

How does the union of one man and one woman (Genesis 2:18-24) reflect God's intentions for family relationships?

How did original sin impact the relationships between husbands and wives, according to Genesis 3:16-19?

How does sin hinder the fulfillment of God's design for love, unity, and mutual respect within families as described in Ephesians 5:21-33?

In what ways does sin disrupt the harmony and peace that God intended for family life, according to Proverbs 15:27 and James 4:1-3?

How does the relationship between Christ and the Church serve as a model for marriage?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Reflect on your own family relationships. In what areas do you see the impact of sin, and how can you seek restoration and reconciliation?

Read through Ephesians 5:21-33 this week and meditate over the role of Christ's redemption in restoring broken family relationships.

GROUP RESPONSE

Discuss the significance of marriage as a covenant established by God. See Genesis 1:27-28, Genesis 2:24, Malachi 2:14, Proverbs 2:16-17, and Matthew 19:6

Discuss other biblical examples where sin led to strife and brokenness within families and reflect on how these stories illustrate the pervasive impact of sin on family relationships (e.g., Lot and his family in Genesis 19, the dysfunction in King David's family as evidenced by his affair with Bathsheba in 2 Samuel 11-12, etc.)

Lift up each other's families to God and pray for unity, love, and mutual support.

REPRODUCE

In a world where the concept of family is constantly changing, it's crucial to ground our understanding of family in God's Word. Understanding God's design for family not only provides a blueprint for healthy relationships but also reflects His divine purpose for humanity. Pray for those in your family or circle of friends whose families are not grounded in God's word, and pray that God gives you opportunities to speak about and/or live out His truth.

KEY VERSES

- Genesis 1-2
- Genesis 3:16-19
- Genesis 19
- 2 Samuel 11-12
- Proverbs 2:16-17
- Proverbs 15:27
- Malachi 2:14
- Matthew 19:6
- Ephesians 5:21-33
- James 4:1-3