

MADE FOR PEOPLE



Sermon Discussion Questions
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Sermon Series: Made For People
Week 1: The Bible's First Problem

1. ICE BREAKER: Think about someone who has made you feel like you truly belonged - a friend, coach, teacher, neighbor, or family member.

What did they do that made you feel included?

2. Pastor Dale posed the question at the top of the service: What if God alone is not enough?

What do you think he meant? Do you agree or disagree? Why?

3. Five times in Genesis 1, God mentions how creation is good. Then after creating mankind, God saw all that he made, and it was very good.

How does knowing you were created in God's image affect the way you see yourself?
How might it change the way you see other people?

4. Read Genesis 2:18a *"...it is not good for the man to be alone."* Pastor Dale reminded us that the first problem in the Bible is loneliness - not sin, but isolation.

What are some ways our culture contributes to loneliness? Have you seen loneliness affect your own life or the lives of people around you?

5. Many of us value independence, but God created us to need one another.

Why do you think it can be difficult to admit that we need other people? What keeps us from asking for help or building deeper relationships?

6. Read Genesis 2:18b *"I will make a helper suitable for him."* God's answer to loneliness is people. Dallas Willard describes God's vision as *"...an inclusive community of loving persons..."*

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. What does it mean to be an inclusive community of loving people? What can get in the way of creating that kind of community?

7. Dallas Willard continues *"...with himself (God) included as its primary sustainer and most-glorious inhabitant."* John the Apostle reminds us that God is not distant: *"The Word was made flesh and lived among us."*

How does knowing that God wants to be involved in your daily life change the way you think about your relationship with Him? What helps you stay connected to Him throughout the week?

8. Pastor Dale reminded us that God has created us to live in community with others.

Is there someone you could reach out to this week? What could you do to spend some time together?

9. PRACTICE: Have someone in your group put on music. (We suggest "Soaking in His Presence" if you need a recommendation!)

- Reflect on these topics:
 - *"It is not good for the man to be alone."* (Genesis 2:18)
 - *"An inclusive community of loving persons"* (Dallas Willard)
 - *"The Word was made flesh and lived among us."* (John 1:14)
- Who is someone you could connect with this week?
- Who is someone you could show love to this week? What might that look like?
- What is one way you can make more room for God in your everyday life this week?