



What Was I Made For?

A Christian Understanding of Identity ⊕

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

IDENTITY IS DISCOVERED ON PURPOSE

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Genesis 2 is the story of the Garden of Eden. It does not introduce a second creation account but is a detailed unfolding of the critical piece of creation, people made in the image of God. It is not meant to be an idealistic story about the world before sin but about the central challenge of life, as God has created it for all time.

Read Genesis 2:1-19.

- What is your general understanding of the Garden of Eden? What ideas do you bring to this text as you read it?
- What is the importance of mentioning the seventh day (the sabbath) at the opening of Genesis 2? Is there a relationship between God resting from his work and humanity beginning theirs?
- What does this more detailed mention of humanity's creation suggest about what it means to be made in the image of God (Genesis 2:7)? (see Job 32:8; Acts 17:26-28)
- What does Genesis 2:15 suggest about what it means to be created in the image of God or bear his image in the world? (see also Colossians 3:23-24)
- What is the significance of the tree mentioned here (the Bible's first commandment), and how might it prepare the Old Testament people of God for what was coming later (Genesis 2:16-17)? (see Exodus 20)
- How can you better represent God — bear His image — in your work this week?

Pray Together

Holy Spirit, help me reflect in my daily work and responsibilities the image of God in me.