

## MAIN POINT

*God designed both men and women in His image, with equal dignity, worth, and value. God has also given men and women distinct roles in His creation.*

## INTRODUCTION

What do you think are the most significant differences between men and women?

How do you think sin has corrupted these differences?

**A study of creation helps us know the true source of our identity as men and women created uniquely by God in His image. This helps us understand how Christian men and women relate to God and one another, having been reconciled with God and given the Holy Spirit to live godly lives. Today we will consider the unique role God has given to men within His creation.**

## DISCUSSION

**> READ GENESIS 2:5-17 AND EPHESIANS 5:25-31.**

What clear responsibilities did God give to the first man, Adam, in Genesis 2?

How does this speak to God's design for work and stewardship of the earth, even before sin entered the world?

How does this challenge any ideas you might have about work and stewardship?

Who receives more instruction in Ephesians 5, wives or husbands? Why might this be?

What does the love husbands are called to model look like?

How might a wife respond to a husband who loves her like Jesus?

How does this type of love benefit her spiritually?

How does a relationship centered on sacrificial love and submission reflect the gospel? How can you and your spouse keep these ideas as a common part of your marriage?

How can embracing roles in marriage as God designed them help create a strong and healthy friendship?

If you are currently single, how have you been challenged and encouraged by this study?

## APPLICATION

**If you are a man, how do you need to step into the responsibility God has given you this week? If you are a woman, how can you encourage the men in your life to follow God's design for them?**