



# GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2024 | SACRED INTIMACY

In 2 Timothy 3:16, we see that all scripture is inspired by God and suitable for teaching. As we jump into this series, our team is praying that God would speak to you through the scripture below and that He would guide you in your next steps in walking with Jesus.

## WARM-UP QUESTION

What comes to your mind when you hear the word “adventure”? How are relationships an adventure?

## DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday’s message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read Genesis 2:4-25

- What consistent words or themes do you see in the text?
- This passage shows many examples of God's intentionality in creation. What examples stand out to you? What do they teach you about God?
- God had already created so much, but that wasn’t enough. He knew Adam needed another person - a relationship - he needed community. We were not designed to live life alone. We require community. What is the danger of not having community in your life?
- What are markers of a healthy community? Can you think of a time when you were positively impacted by community?
- Are you fostering healthy community within your own relationships? If so, how? If not, what's keeping you from doing so?
- Verse 25 says that Adam and Eve felt no shame. Why is that significant? How does shame impact a relationship? What does it look like to break free from shame?
- Everything was created for the glory of God - and that means our relationships as well. Have you ever considered this? Why or why not? What would it look like for your relationships to bring glory to God?

Read Ephesians 5:15-33 (*Please note that submission does not apply to any form of abuse in a relationship. If you are in an abusive relationship, [please see this list of resources.](#)*)

- What consistent words or themes do you see in the text?
- In verses 15-21, Paul tells us to live wisely. He is laying the groundwork for rightful, wise, thoughtful living. He also warns us against doing three things. Why do you think he chose to highlight those three things? What does he say to do instead?



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- Paul then moves on to discuss husbands and wives. Submission does not mean second class or silence. Jesus actually elevated the status of women in society. He even had women disciples which was unheard of at the time. God created Eve from Adam's rib. Not from his foot so he could trample her, but from his side where they could walk side by side on mission to glorify and obey God. Have you ever considered that the purpose of marriage is to glorify and obey God? How does considering this purpose of marriage change your view of it?
- Can you think of an example of a marriage you've seen where this was lived out well? What did you notice was different about their marriage? If you are married, how does this impact the way you view your own marriage?
- Paul had three times the number of words for husbands than he did for wives. Paul commands husbands to love their wives. However, the word he uses here is "agape" which means to love not just with emotions, but with decisions. What does "agape" love look like?

## RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.