

LESSON 4

The Man and Woman in the Garden

Genesis 2:4–25



A Time for **Assembly**: *Introduction* to gather together through ice breaker.
(about 10 minutes)

For Starting Communication:

Share with the group how you and your spouse met (or your parents met) and eventually got married to each other.



A Time for **Adoration**: *Inspiration* to worship God through invocation, thanksgiving, and reading Scripture.
(about 25 minutes)

Suggested Songs:

“Open the Eyes of My Heart” Paul Baloche
“Power of Your Love” Geoff Bullock

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:4-25

WORD

A Time for **Admonition**: *Instruction* to communicate one's investigation of the story (content), interpretation based on the setting (context), and integration of the two for the spiritual truth (concept).
(about 50 minutes)

1. How did God create man (vv.4-7)?
2. What part of creation was “not good”? (vv.18)
3. What is Adam's role in the garden? What did He command Adam to do (vv.15-17)?
4. What was the consequence of disobeying God's command?
5. In verses 24-25, what basic principle in marriage does the Bible declare?
6. What does the statement “They were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed” show about God's intention for a married couple?

LESSON FOUR

WALK

A Time for **Accountability**: *Invitation* to apply the implication of the Scripture (connect), implementation of a specific action (conduct), and intercession for the saints/seekers (concern).

(about 35 minutes)

1. What do you think was God's creative intention for human life?
2. For married couples, how would you compare your marriage to God's design for marriage as pictured in the passage? In what areas can you grow into?
3. How can the group pray for you? Share now your personal needs or concerns with your accountability and prayer partners. These may include attitudes that need to be changed and specific actions to be done in obedience to God's Word. As you intercede for each other ("saints"), pray also for others outside the group who need to know Jesus ("seekers").

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