

Dangerous Freedom

Sunday, January 15, 2017

Gen 2:4-25

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A Living Being

Gen 2:7

What kind of Thing is a Human Being?

Consciousness, thinking, feeling, choosing

A Job to Do

Gen 2:15

Responsible – A Job to Do

Responsible Partner with God in the World

A Command

Gen 2:16–17

Responsible – A Command

We are the sort of thing that can choose

A Partner

Gen 2:18

Relationship – A Social Being

We are the sort of thing that connects

Physical and Spiritual

Dust and Breath

We are Things, Objects; But, we are more than “Stuff”

God, World and People

Network of Relationships

Partners with God, with Each Other, In the World

Good and Evil

Responsible Partners

Aware of Right and Wrong, A meaningful level of Responsibility

The Goodness of God

The Risk of Creating

Life is amazing ...

Human beings are amazing ...

But deep risk in making this kind of thing

God has made a good thing

But exactly what is good about it is a risk!

Small Group Guide

Kicking off your Time Together

Ice Breaker

What is something you have made that you are proud of?

Opening Prayer

Have one or two open in prayer asking God to be present and to direct your time.

What Did you Bring?

Did you bring anything to share to encourage the group? (consider 1 Cor 14:26 as the pattern for this part of the meeting)

Read Passage

Read this passage: Gen 2:4-25

Discuss a few of these questions:

Here is a working assumption for this passage – it is a story about what it means to be a human being. In light of that consider:

- The garden (vs8,-9)
- The man – dust, breath of life, living being (7)
- The trees – life and knowledge of good and evil (9)
- The job the man was given (15)
- The command (16-17)
- Naming the animals (19-20)
- Making the woman (18-24)

What does this passage say about what it means to be a human being? Why does this matter now?

Pray for Each Other

In light of all that has been shared, pray for each other. You may want to share specific requests.