



His Desire

Focus God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves us and His desire is for us to love Him in return, but God will not force us to love Him. He wants us to willingly make that choice.

Fun Did you have a favorite song in elementary school? Share the song title with your group.

Review Key Scripture: Genesis 1

1. God made me from Him.

God *created* some things and *made* other things. Unlike God, mankind cannot create. We can only make something from what is already there. God made us from His image (Genesis 1:26). We came from Him, are sustained by Him, and will go back to Him.

2. God made me like Him.

Adam did not know how to express it, but he had a desire. When Adam gave names to the birds and beasts, he could find nothing comparable to himself in their midst. Adam was looking for a companion, so God gave him Eve. God has the same desire and that is why He made us.

3. God made me to love Him.

Just as God made Eve to be Adam's bride, God made us to be His bride. We are His desire. The perfect way for us to express our love for Him is through worship. He wants to be with us and spend time with us, but He will not force us to love Him. It must be our choice.

Group Dynamics Idea Relationships deepen when people pray together, so make every effort to allow time for prayer requests at the conclusion of your study. Be sure to encourage praise reports as well.

Discuss

1. Genesis 1:11, 20, 24 & 26 tell us how God created the world by simply speaking it into being. Each of His commands began with one word. What was it?
2. God used a particular pattern when He made us (Genesis 1:26). What was the pattern?
3. Read Genesis 2:20–22. Compare the difference between the things God created and what God made.
4. Pastor Robert explained God's creating process this way: "When God wanted something, He spoke to what He wanted it to be made out of, to be sustained by, and to return to." How does this process relate to us?
5. Read the following passages and identify the common theme: Exodus 6:7; Leviticus 26:12; Jeremiah 7:23; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Revelation 21:1–3. For additional study: Jeremiah 11:4, 24:7, 30:22, 31:33; Ezekiel 11:20, 14:11, 36:28, 37:23, 37:27; Hosea 2:23; Zechariah 8:8, 13:9; Hebrews 8:10.
6. We are God's desire. That is why He made us and sustained us and why we will return to Him. He made us to be His bride. Quietly reflect on what this means.
7. If you have never given your life to Jesus and want to do so now, silently ask Him to forgive you for your sins and to transform your heart and your life. He desires to be with you and to be loved by you. You can take Him at His Word!

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- God made me in His image.
- God desires a relationship with me.
- He sustains me.
- I will return to Him one day.
- I am God's bride.

Prayer

Lord, I love You. I desire to spend time with You and come to know You in a deeper way. I am sorry for the times I have gone my own way. I want to follow Your way. In Jesus' name. Amen.

New Leader Tip Pens, highlighters, and extra paper are good items to have on hand for those who want to take notes or mark passages in their Bibles. Reinforcement is great for spiritual growth!