

GENERATIONS OF FAITH: THE PURPOSE OF FAMILY

Genesis 1:27-30, 2:15-25

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THE PURPOSE OF FAMILY IS TO REFLECT GOD'S IMAGE AND FRUITFULLY MULTIPLY HIS REIGN AND RULE.

1. REFLECT GOD'S IMAGE (1:26-27, 2:15-25)
2. FRUITFULLY MULTIPLY (1:28-29)
3. HIS REIGN AND RULE (1:28b-30)

MEMORY VERSE: Genesis 1:28

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Why did God create mankind?
2. Why did God create families?
3. Read Genesis 1:26. What is the purpose of God creating mankind in his image?
4. What is significant about God creating both "male and female" in his image (vs. 27)?
5. In your own words, what is the mandate for humanity in vs. 28?
6. How does this passage reflect God's purpose for family?
7. Read Genesis 2:15-17. What is the purpose of man in the garden?
8. Describe the state of man in vs. 17-20.
9. What is the purpose of God making Eve?
10. What is significant about the fact that Eve was "taken out of" Adam?
11. In your own words, describe the relationship of husband and wife according to vs. 23-25.
12. How does your family reflect the purposes in these passages?
13. How does this study challenge or encourage you?