

**AFFIRMATION OF GROWTH (15 MINUTES)**

- **Check in:** Let everyone in the group introduce themselves and share one way that God is growing their personal faith this year.
- **Pray:** As you pray to start the lesson, praise God for what he is already doing in each life and ask Him to reveal new truth during the gGroup time. Ask God to continue work in each of our lives.

**BIBLE DISCOVERY (35 MINUTES)**

- **Big Idea (Watch Video):** God has organized the universe for us to thrive. He has also created people for relationships. We flourish in partnership with God and in relationship with one another.
- **Bible Passage:** Read Genesis 1:26-2:25 aloud (take turns).

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Does anything stand? What do you like about the story?
2. Were there any surprises, questions, or puzzles in the story?
3. What does this story teach us about God? (Hint: consider God's power, character, personality, plan, and/or his creative design)
4. What is important about people being made in God's image?
5. Apart from physical nakedness, what would it be like to live life authentically, hiding nothing, and remaining unashamed?
6. List and discuss any applications or commands to obey. (Hint: fruitfulness, stewardship, rest, and marital faithfulness).
7. What can we learn about God's plan for gender and marriage?
8. How have many marriages missed the mark of God's plan?
9. How must our marriages change to honor God? Are there specific things husbands and wives should do to support this change?
10. What lessons from Christian marriage apply to other relationships, gospel partnerships, family members, friends, and coworkers?

**CHALLENGE FOR LIFE (10 MINUTES)**

- **One Change:** Each group member must identify a specific action to obediently respond to the Bible lesson. Remember to be specific.
- **Pray:** Close by praying for each member to be faithful to the Bible challenge and responsive to the Holy Spirit in the coming week. It is God who makes the changes in our lives.