

***IN THE BEGINNING GOD*****Creation of a Gardener      Genesis 2:4–25**

*“The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”* Genesis 2:15

**Day 1: Read Genesis 2:4–7.**

1. Genesis 1 gave a broad account of the creation of the cosmos; Genesis 2 focuses on the creation of humanity. Describe the earth before God formed the man. (vv. 5, 6)
2. How does man become a living being? (vs. 7)
3. The Lord forms the man from the dust of the ground and breathes life into his nostrils. What does that show about our relationship to God and our ability to live apart from God? (Reflect on Job 34:14, 15; Ps. 104:29.)

**Day 2: Read Genesis 2:8–15.**

4. Describe the garden where the lord God puts the man he has formed. (vv. 8–10) How does this beautiful garden reflect God’s heart toward Adam and Eve?
5. What were man’s tasks in the garden? (vs. 15)
6. Scan this chapter and peek ahead to Genesis 3:8a. What did the relationship between Adam and Eve and God look like in the garden?

**Day 3: Read Genesis 2:16–17.**

7. In the midst of God’s lavish provision, what is the one prohibition? (vv. 16, 17)

8. What does God say the consequence will be if they disobey his command? (vs. 17)
9. What does God say the consequence for sin will be for us if we disobey his commands? (Rom. 6:23) What hope do we then have? (Acts 16:30, 31; Rom. 10:9, 10; 1 John 1:9)

**Day 4: Read Genesis 2:18–22.**

10. The statement “It is not good” (vs.18) means that something in God’s creation is not yet complete. Why is this problematic? (vv. 18, 20b; 1:28a)
11. Where does Adam look first to find a suitable helper? (vv. 19, 20)
12. Since he doesn’t find one among the animals, how is this helper provided? (vv. 21, 22)
13. Eve’s origin is different from Adam’s. How are they different? (vv. 7, 21, 22)

**Day 5: Read Genesis 2:23–25.**

14. How does Adam react when he sees Eve? (vs. 23)
15. What characterizes the relationship between Adam and Eve? (vv. 23–25)
16. Adam and Eve are called to be united as one flesh; how does this mirror God’s relationship with his people, then and now? (Deut. 13:4; Hos. 2:19; Eph. 5:31–33)