

Kingdom Come: Distraction

A study for Community Groups to use the week of January 18th

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Series Guide** to complete foundational questions in the book for week 5 using the scripture below.

Week Three: Genesis 2:15-18

Overview

When Jesus talked about the kingdom of God, he described it as a place where God's goodness and grace are reigning in one's heart. In Matthew 13, he referenced four obstacles to that reality, one of which is distraction. In our busy and full lives distraction is a common challenge, yet Jesus appears on the scene as busy as anyone else, yet living a distraction free life. How? In this series we will explore His life and teaching to get a clearer picture to the type of life He invites each of us to experience.

Passage: Genesis 2:15-18 "God's provision of a wife for Adam is a concrete example of God's knowing what is good for man. Companionship replaced isolation. For companionship to be satisfying, however, there must be oneness in the marriage (cf. 1:26-27). Self-centered living destroys oneness and companionship." – *Constable's Notes*

Questions

*In the Series Guide you will find basic questions we want all to use as they begin to look at the passage. Questions such as; *Who have you had the opportunity to BLESS this week? What does this passage reveal about God? About people? About the life He has planned for us?* These additional questions relate to the passage specifically for your benefit.

- Take a few moments to review questions from the guide. If you have not accessed it, there is a free digital copy [here](#).
- In Genesis 2:15, God places Adam in the garden with a clear purpose. What do you think it looks like to live with focus and intention rather than feeling pulled in many directions? How do the people in your life currently shape that focus?
- Adam is surrounded by abundance in the garden, yet fullness isn't simply about being busy or surrounded. Where in your life do you feel relationally crowded but still unfocused or lonely? What might that reveal about how your relationships are arranged?
- God intentionally brings others into Adam's life to help him flourish. Looking at your relational circles at work, with friends, or in your everyday rhythms, what is one relationship you may need to be more intentional with—or one influence you may need to create space from—so your life feels more ordered this week?