



IDENTITY CRISIS

I. The Original Design gives _____ to our Identity.

A. Why did God create humanity?

Human Purpose (Isaiah 43:7; Genesis 1:27-28)

1. _____ = _____
2. _____ = _____

Key Principle: God created people to _____ by _____ Him and one another and _____ His creation for the benefit of all.

Human Resources (Genesis 2:7, 18)

1. The Man.
2. The Woman.

B. Why did God create woman?

1. To help man _____ = _____
2. To help man _____ = _____

II. The Detour from the Design created _____ about our Identity.

A. Pain in Childbearing

B. Conflict in Marriage

Key Principle: God created the _____ to be _____ rather than _____ in fulfilling our common purpose.

Discussion Questions:

1. From our Reflection Assignment last week, how do you usually gauge when you are wrong in your thinking (or deceived)? Do you have any “red flags” that let you know you are getting off track?
2. In the past, when you heard that God created woman as a “helper” for man, did that seem like a positive or a negative thing? Why?
3. In what ways are men and women the same? In what ways are we different?
4. What are the possible advantages of these differences in accomplishing God’s plan for humanity? (In other words, why would He want us to be different?)
5. As women, we experience many stages of life--single, married, single-again, with or without kids, and empty-nesters, to name a few. How can you, at your stage of life, help love (fill the earth with “image-bearers”) and lead creation?