

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTION

WHEN YOUR WAY... WEEK 3

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

If you could create the ideal father, what traits and characteristics would you give him? In your opinion, why are these things so important to being a father? How did your own father do when it came to living out these qualities? How did your relationship with him affect the way you understand fatherhood?

Read Genesis 2:15-25. What does this passage teach us about the creation of man and woman? In what ways did God create Adam and Eve to complement/help each other? Why do you think our culture struggles to recognize the twin truths that we are created in God's image and that we are "made male and female"?

As Kyle pointed out, God put the man in the Garden to care for it (Gen. 2:15), a word that can mean "cultivator" or "protector." What are some ways this protective instinct reveals itself in men/fathers? How does that positively impact his family/children? What happens when that instinct is expressed in negative ways? What impact can that have?

Read Genesis 3:8-12. After their sin, Adam attempts to blame both Eve and God for his mistake. Why is it so tempting for us to try to "blame-shift" when we are confronted with our faults? How have you experienced this in your own life? How does blame-shifting keep us from actually making any change to our lives?

What are some of the dangers that fathers/parents have to protect their children from today? What does that kind of protection look like? What are some ways that you, as a group, can encourage one another in this work of protecting and cultivating your families?

What kind of legacy did your father/parents leave for you? What difference has that made in your life? How do you want the legacy you leave to be similar/different from the legacy that was left to you? What do you need to change today to leave that kind of legacy in the future?