

# THE BIG PICTURE

Week 2

BRBC Groups

February 28, 2021

**Scripture** | Genesis 2-3

**Ice  
Breaker**

1. Do you have a favourite book or movie? If so, what is it, and what makes you like it so much?
2. How does it make you feel when you ask someone a question and either ignore it or don't answer it? (If you are not sure what this question means, think about how politicians often respond to questions.)

**Going  
Deeper**

1. What is something that stood out to you from this week's message? Do you have any questions about it?
2. In this week's message, we looked at the story of Adam and Eve. During the message, Rob suggested that the author of this text was not looking to answer some of the questions we have, but rather what the original audience would have had. Before reading the text, what are some of the questions you have about Adam and Eve's story?
3. Read Genesis 2:4-25.
4. What questions do you think the author of this chapter was looking to answer? How are they answered?
5. What do chapters one and two of Genesis tell us about people's nature and character? Our purpose? Our relationship with creation? Our relationship with God?
6. What do you think of the word helper? What do you think it means?
7. When you read Genesis 2:18-25, who or what is referred to as helpers? Are there any characters we are introduced to at this point that are not explicitly referred to as helper?
8. In Genesis 2:18-25, there is a curious thing occurring. God makes it clear the man needs a helper, so he makes animals. The word used for helper, ezer, only occurs four times in the Old Testament, twice here, and another 17 times there are words rooted in the word ezer, most of them about God. But, ezer is a masculine common noun in biblical Hebrew, and the two other times it is used is about a male speaker and a male leader. That is a lot of possibly random information, but do you think it has any significance that helper is a male noun in biblical Hebrew and woman is a female noun?
9. What did the serpent say to eve when it met her? How did she respond? Why is her response significant?
10. Eve adds to what God said. It may be because she did not know what God said. After all, it was not said to her directly. Thinking of this situation, what is the risk or danger of not knowing what God has said? How can we know what he said?
11. In the message this week, Rob said the question this text was looking to answer is why the world is messed up. If someone asked you why the world was messed up, what would you say to them?
12. What is the significance of what God tells the serpent? If you know the big picture of the bible, what is the fulfilment of God's statement?

13. This story illustrates what happens when we think we know better than God. What can we do to not end up in the same spot as Adam and Eve?
14. Rob said in the message that people always want to get back to the garden. What does that mean? Do you think that is true? Do you think it will happen?