

Sermon Notes

Week of Sunday, April 19

WIRED - Man Wiring

Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV)

Speaker: Lead Pastor - Mark Saunders



Ladies - Encourage and Expect

1. Men and women are created in the image of God to carry out the plan of God.

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” Genesis 1:26-28

When men live within God’s design, life works.

2. What is God’s design for all men?

5 When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, 6 and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— 7 then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. 8 And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

A. Man is wired to work.

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

B. Man is wired to keep things running as God intended.

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C. Man is wired to submit to God in everything.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

D. Men can’t pick and choose which parts of the design they’ll do.

Life Group Study Notes

Week of Sunday, April 12

Based on Sermon: Wiring 101

Spend some time answering these questions before going to your Life Group.



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Getting Started

1. What were some cultural norms regarding masculinity and femininity fifty years ago?
2. How has culture shifted gender roles over the last fifty years?
3. Read Genesis 1:26-28, 2:5-9, 2:15-17. Why is it important for us to know our true identity in Christ? How do you discover your identity in Christ?
4. What difference should our identity in Christ make as we interact with others? What difference does it make in reality?

5. Read Psalm 8:1-9. What do you feel when you read this passage of Scripture?

6. In *The Weight of Glory*, C.S. Lewis wrote, “There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. It is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit.” Do you believe that every person has value? Explain your answer. Do you treat others as valued by God?

7. If you’re a man, how can you best honor God with your life? How can you lead well in your home, work, your friendships, and other arenas of life? (Women, pray for the men in your life as they seek to honor God with who they are.)

Digging Deeper

1. Read Romans 6:1-14. Are there sins in your life that are keeping you from being the person that God has called you to be? What are you going to do to walk in obedience to Christ’s commands?

