

## **UP, IN, OUT:**

Welcome back to Outpost! If your outpost has changed makeup, take some time to get to know each other with some ice breaker questions focusing on name, family, growing up, work, etc.

## **OPEN:**

- When you were growing up, which men did you look up to as examples of what it means to be a man? What was it about these men that was them good or bad examples for you?
- In general, do you think the state of manhood in our culture is better or worse than when you were a kid? Why?

## **DIG:**

Read Genesis 2:5-7

- Based on these verses, what can we know about the creation of the first man?
- How is this different from the creation of everything else during the creation week?

Read Genesis 1:26-31

What do these verses add to our understanding of the creation of the first humans?

Read Genesis 2:8-14

- When you picture the garden of Eden, what do you see? What do you think it was like?
- Why do you think God put the “Tree of Life” and the “Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil” in the garden? What were their purposes?
- Why do you think God included the geographical description of the where Eden was? Why would this be helpful or unhelpful?

Read Genesis 2:15-17

- Why do you think Adam was given certain jobs to do?
- Why do you think God created the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil and then forbid Adam to eat from it?
- What do you think it means when God said, “for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die?”

Read Genesis 2:18-25

- Why do you think God had Adam name the animals?
- What was the first “not good” in the history of the world? What’s not good about it?
- What was God’s solution for it?
- What does this tell us about God’s plan for the human race?
- What does this mean or not mean for single, widowed, or divorced people?

*Note: check out 1 Corinthians 7, but be warned. This could open quite a few cans of worms.*

## **REFLECT:**

- Based on Genesis 2, what do you think the calling of men is?
- What things do you think God expects from all men? How would you support this with Scripture?

## **APPLY:**

Based on our study, what do you think God is asking you to start, stop, or do differently in your life?

## **PRAY:**