

## **Sept 17 - Genesis 2 - "God of Hospitality, Part 2"**

### **Readings: Genesis 2, Ephesians 5:31-32**

1. What does Gen 2:18 show us about the nature of God?
2. Verse 18 refers to a "suitable helper" or a "helper fit for". How have you understood this in the past? Has anything changed in your understanding?
3. What does Gen 2:25, followed by the story of the fall of Adam and Eve and their subsequent need for clothing in Gen 3, tell us about the effects of sin? What are some of the 'fig leaves' we use to cover our shame today?
4. Given that both Jesus and Paul were single, what are we to understand about the nature of singleness today? How did they both teach us to understand family differently?
5. Read Eph 5:31-32. What does Paul mean?
6. As members of the body of Christ, the Bride of Christ, we automatically belong to the family of God – a community that ideally should be a place of safety and love, where we can be fully known and loved. Have you experienced the church that way? If not, have there been other communities that have felt that way to you?