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DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 3 (February 15TH to 21ST)

GOD'S DESIGN FOR US

WELCOME.

WORSHIP.

Draw Me Close (Worship Together)

WORD.

Genesis 2:18 (NKJV)

And the Lord God said, 'It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.'

1. Genesis 2:18 describes the gift that God conceived in His heart for Adam as a *helper comparable to him*. The Hebrew phrase is *ezer kenegdo*. The proper understanding of this biblical phrase is perhaps one of the most foundation principles of marriage. How did Pastor Luke explain the phrase in his sermon?
2. The first point of the sermon is: **Ezer is not a servant; Ezer is a lifesaver.** Read Psalm 121:1-2 and 1 Samuel 7:12. How is the word *ezer* used to describe in those verses?
3. The second point is: **Ezer is a "Samwise to Frodo" the wingman/partner needed for the mission.** When God said '*It is not good that man should be alone,*' the Lord knew that the task was too big for Adam alone. The mission of starting and raising a family is too difficult a job for an individual. God's design is a complementary partnership for the mission. What is the main mission of marriage? How does this mission translate experientially?
4. The third point: **Ezer is not a power struggle; it is a power union.** Strong marriages begin where spouses see each other not as competition but as a complement. How can spouses better support each other's spiritual life, calling, career, or personal growth? In what ways do individual spiritual gifts and roles complement each other to strengthen the home? How does understanding this partnership as "equal worth but different roles" help you avoid competing with your spouse?
5. The fourth point: **Ezer is a companion to be enjoyed, not a burden to endure.** *Kenegdo* suggests a counterpart that corresponds to or complements the other. In what ways do your unique, different strengths complement your spouse? How can couples enjoy instead of endure one another more?
6. The final point: **Ezer is a reflection of Jesus.** A Christ-centered marriage reflects the beauty of the relationship between Jesus and the Church. Read Ephesians 5:21-33. How can spouses grow to embrace and reflect the love of Jesus, Biblical servant-leadership and loving submission to one another?

WORK. Apply God's Word:

- Pray for marriages and families in your group.
- Pray for dating and engaged couples in our church.
- Pray for the single/celebrate people you know.