

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Genesis 2:15-20

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite outdoor activity?

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite thing that you have created?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Read Genesis 2:15-20:** What is the context of this text? What details do you see in this text relating to creating, cultivating, working, or keeping?.
2. What do you initially think about when you think of culture? Is it negative or positive? If positive, why? If negative, why?
3. How is culture making part of our Christian calling? Where else do we see culture creating in the Bible?
4. If culture is from God and is good, what ways might we need to change our view of culture? Where do we tend to be critical or skeptical of culture? Is that right, or wrong?
5. How does your view of culture affect your view of other Christians? Are you condemning? Encouraging? Do you offer wisdom/help or stay silent?
6. What are some areas that you see God's hand in our culture? How can you find new ways to enjoy them AND new ways to thank God for them?
7. What does the Bible say the end goal of culture is? **Read Revelation 21:1-2, 22-27.** What do you see in this text that helps change our vision of culture?
8. What does this end time picture mean for our everyday interaction with culture? What should our expectations be of culture and his ability to relate to the end times vision? How can our expectations be wrong or unrealistic?
9. What does it mean that "culture creating" is our "calling"? How does that change your outlook on your day or your life? How might that help you reach your neighbors or friends?

Application: Spend some time praying for one another. Pray that God would give us a Godly vision for our lives and how we can use what he's given us for his glory.