

**Study Questions for the November 7, 2021 Sermon:  
“The First Family”  
Genesis 2:18-25**

1. *But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.* - 1 Timothy 1:16. Give an example of God displaying immense patience in:
  - a. The Old Testament
  - b. The New Testament
  - c. Your personal life (Not your neighbor or relative's life.)
2. How did Pastor Paul relate 1 Timothy 1: 12 – 17 to the Lord's Supper?
3. November 7<sup>th</sup> was the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. If you pray for a specific country, or support a missionary who works in an area in which there is persecution, please share this with the class.
4. Genesis 2 concludes with a reference to the absence of shame before the Fall. Adam and Eve had nothing to hide – literally or metaphorically. We would be ashamed if all of our speech, actions, and thought-life were public knowledge. Is there any role for shame and remorse in the life of a Christian? (2 Cor 7: 8 – 11 may be helpful.)
5. Pastor Paul said that God can redeem things that are not ideal. He often does so with families. Summarize a story from the Bible in which God brought great good out of a less-than-ideal family situation.
6. Genesis 2:18 records the first time in the history of the world that God assesses something as “not good”. God was assessing Adam's aloneness and loneliness. God corrected the situation by creating Eve, and instituting marriage. What are the qualities of marriage, as God instituted it, that make it superior to other arrangements that alleviate loneliness? (ie. Throuples, polygamy, cohabitation, polyandry.)
7. What evidence was given in the sermon that word “helper” as used in Genesis 2:20, does not refer to a subordinate role?

8. Many writers have stated that the reference to “one flesh” in verse 24 goes well-beyond physical intimacy. That all the important aspects of married life should be intensely intimate. Is any of the following wrong? Separate vacations, separate checking or bank accounts, different hobbies, different circles of friends, separate churches.
9. Summarize, in your own words, the comparison that Ephesians 5: 5 – 31 makes between Christ and his church, and husbands and their wives.