## Sermon Outline and Discussion Guide for Adult Bible Study February 9, 2014 <u>God Himself Made the Great Introduction</u> Genesis 2:1-25

Intro: Genesis 2 gives us a close up of events recorded in Genesis 1:27

"So God created man in His Own \_\_\_\_\_, in the image of God He created him;

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ He created them."

## I. God Graciously Takes Note of Adam's Helpless Solitude.

"It is not good that the man should be . I will make a helper for him".

What responsibilities did God give to Adam in the Garden of Eden?

Genesis 2:15	
Genesis 2:16	
Genesis 2:19-20	

DQ. How would having to name all the animals highlight the fact that Adam was alone?

DQ. How do all of these areas of responsibility relate back to the Cultural Mandate found in Genesis 1:28-29?

DQ. Is this still the general rule, that it is not good for a man to be alone?

## II. God Graciously Creates Eve as a Helper Suitable to Him.

"And the \_\_\_\_\_ that the LORD God had taken out of man He made into a \_\_\_\_\_\_".

DQ. Why is it significant that God created woman out of man's rib?

DQ. How does this Creation story lay the foundation for our Redemption Story in Jesus?

DQ. What profound implications should we draw from the fact that God created woman from the 'stuff' He took out of man?

DQ. Is it fair or any way accurate to say that men and women are equal?

## III. God Graciously Introduces Woman to Man as His Soul Mate.

"And (God) brought her to the man".

What was Adam's amazing response when God introduced Eve to him? 'Isha' means

How long should this amazement last?

DQ. Should fathers be more involved in finding a husband for their daughters or is it better to leave it all up to God, our Father in Heaven?

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh".

DQ. What do you need to leave in order to cleave (hold fast) more consciously to your spouse?

DQ. How does this creation account inspire your gratitude for God's Gracious Design?