**Culture Shock #3: The Meaning of Marriage**

*Genesis 2:21–24*

*21So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. 22Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib  he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.*

*23The man said,*

*“This is now bone of my bones*

*and flesh of my flesh;*

*she shall be called ‘woman,’*

*for she was taken out of man.”*

*24That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.*

Biblical Truth: Marriage is designed to be a sign and symbol of the great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between God and us.

**Culture Shock #4: The Significance of Sex**

*Genesis 2:24  
24That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.*

Biblical Truth: Sex is a gift designed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ covenant love, passion, and pleasure. It is deeply spiritual and sacred.

**Questions for Small Group Discussion**

1. What was the most personally impactful aspect of this message for you?

2. Which Culture Shock do you struggle/grapple with the most at a personal level? What is the source of your struggle? Did this sermon help you in this area or add to existing confusion?

3. Do you feel Christians can hold to biblical convictions while interacting with those who have wildly different views on gender, sexuality, marriage, etc.? Why or why not? What has your personal experiences taught you?

4. Discuss as a group what consequences may follow for individuals, couples, families and societies that ignore these biblical truths.

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**Order of Worship (i.e. What’s Happening)**

Announcements

Call to Worship

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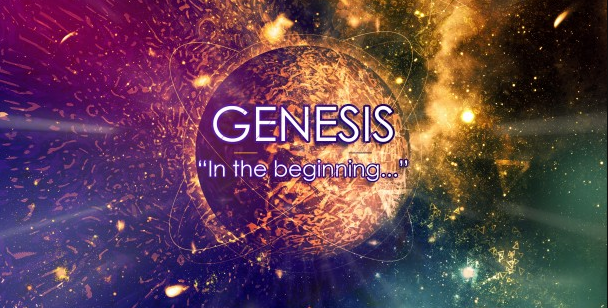
1 Song

Children's Talk

Sermon

1 song

Benediction





**Sermon Notes**

**“Genesis 1-2: Culture Shock”**

**Culture Shock #1: Humans are Blessed to Rule and Subdue Creation**

*Genesis 1:26, 28  
26Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”*

*Genesis 1:28   
28God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”*

Biblical Truth: Humans have been blessed with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to “rule” and “subdue” nature.

**Culture Shock #2: The Gender Binary**

*Genesis 1:27   
27So God created mankind in his own image,   
in the image of God he created them;   
male and female he created them.*

Biblical Truth: The male/female gender binary is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ design of the Creator and is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for human flourishing.

**We are glad you’re here!**

Children up to grade 5 will be invited upstairs approximately mid-way through our service. A staffed nursery is also available upstairs.



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**IMPACT YOUTH** – Grade 9-12 students are welcome to join us Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00pm.

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