



MISSION CREEK

Alliance Church

Men and Women- Being Human Part 3

1. The sermon begins by discussing the "Battle of the Sexes" tennis match and how it reflected a long-standing struggle between men and women. In what ways have you observed this "struggle" playing out in society or in your own life?
2. Genesis 1 states that both male and female were created in God's image and given the same authority and vocation. What does it mean to you that men and women are "equal bearers of God's image" and share the same "vocation"? How does this challenge common perceptions?
3. The sermon emphasizes that while men and women are equal, they are also distinctly different, and this sexual differentiation is part of God's good design. How do you understand and appreciate these God-given differences in a way that promotes flourishing rather than division?
4. Pastor Keith acknowledged the harm some men have caused women, particularly in the church, and the trauma this topic can bring up. How can we, as a small group and as a church, create a safe and healing space for individuals who have experienced such harm?
5. Genesis 2 describes the woman as an "ezer" or "helper suitable for him," clarifying that this does not imply subordination, but rather a complementary relationship. Can you share an example from your life where you have experienced or witnessed the beauty and necessity of men and women complementing each other's gifts and perspectives?
6. The sermon highlights that sin broke the relationship of "complementing equals," leading to a power struggle, and that Jesus came to rescue us from this curse. What does it look like in practical terms to live out this "restoration to complementing equals" in your daily interactions with others, both men and women?
7. The sermon challenged gender stereotypes, noting that the Bible shows diverse gender roles and characteristics. Thinking about your own life or family, how do you navigate traditional or societal expectations of "pink jobs" and "blue jobs" in

a way that aligns with the biblical vision of men and women as "complementing equals" who need each other to flourish?