

## Through Her Eyes Week #5

### Pray First!

This week's lesson is on women – feminism in particular. Talk about the role women play in your every day life – and what effect the feminism movement has had.

To open the message (before we tune in for the video portion of today's small group session) Pastor Jeff talked about God's perfect plan in the Garden of Eden. Male and female were created in the image of God – and then sin happened and if life was ever fair, it ended there, in the garden!

### Read Genesis 2:18-25

- Why did God create woman?
- What was God's plan for man and woman from the beginning?

### Read Genesis 3:14-19

- What are the consequences of sin for women?
  - How do we see these consequences play out in our society today?
- What are the consequences of sin for men?
- "It's not good for man to be alone". What purpose did God intend for men and women?
- There are so many ways that we see women being treated poorly throughout the history of the world –from biblical times to present day... being trafficked and assaulted, being used and abused, not valued and even abandoned at birth because they had (have) no value. From the fall to now, where do you see God's plan gone wrong?

Jesus had a different view of women than what was culturally accepted. Watch the video to understand His view of ALL people.

### Watch the Video

- What's something that stood out to you in today's teaching?
- What did Jesus do differently than others in His culture?
- Read Galatians 3:23-29
  - What was the role of the Law? What did Christ do? (verse 23-24)
  - How are we all made children of God? (verse 26)
  - What is the difference between anyone who is a believer in Jesus?
- What do you see as the role of men to women? Do you see that happening in our culture today?
- The way God created man and woman is good! We are to complement each other and be a gift to one another. How can making a few changes in our attitudes and actions affect the world we live in?
- Pastor Jeff said that life goes well when we do 2 things: \*this certainly doesn't mean life will be perfect 😊
  - Follow God

- Follow God's order and design
- How can you either start doing this or do this better from this day forward?

**Close in Prayer** – pray for the oppressed people in the world today. Pray that as believers we would see and recognize their situation and move toward them with the love of Jesus.

**For more reading during the week:**

- John 4
- Mark 5:21-34
- Matthew 29
- \* John 8:1-11
- \* The book of Esther 😊