

SESSION 1

The Challenge of Masculinity



THE FIRST MAN'S STORY (GENESIS 2-3)

The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. But the Lord God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.” Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.”

— Genesis 2:15-18

Ezer – one who comes alongside and gives _____.

CORE MATRIX

	Man	Woman
Core Sin		
Core Responsibility		

FIVE BIG IDEAS

Oneness

Uniqueness

Redemption

Intimacy

Adventure

Discussion Questions

1. Make sure everyone in your group has had a chance to meet. Share with the group a little bit about who you are and what you are hoping to learn from this study.
2. Can you see themes from the Genesis story in your marriage? How does it intersect with your life?
3. Look at the Core Matrix. How do the core sins and core responsibilities resonate with you, given your current experience within your marriage?
4. Share one area of your marriage in which you'd like to become less passive and how you hope to make that a reality.