

MOOREBANK – HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
Genesis 1:26 – 2:3

1. Do you think men and women are different or basically the same? Why are the opening chapters of Genesis so important for our understanding of what it means to be male and female?
2. Why does the 'not good' of Genesis 2:18 come as a surprise? What is actually identified as 'not good'? What is the solution?
3. Why does man need a helper? What does this tell us about him?
4. A 'helper fit for him / suitable for him' (Gen 2:18, 20). This phrase is literally 'like opposite him' – how does this help prepare us for the arrival of woman?
 - a. How is she like him? (see Genesis 1:27, 2:23a)
 - b. How is she different? (See Genesis 2:18,29, 23b),
5. Read Titus 2:1-6. How does Genesis 2 provide the foundation for the New Testament teaching of the household of God? (If time, you may want to look at other passages in the New Testament that address the relationship between husbands and wives: Ep 5:21-33; Titus 2:5; 1 Peter 3:1-7).
6. Why is there such rejoicing when God brings the woman to the man? V23?
7. Do you think Matthew Henry's comment captures the spirit of Genesis 2? Why / Why not?

'God did not make the woman out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected and near his heart to be loved'. Matthew Henry
8. How can you encourage your married brothers and sisters to be joyful / cherishing of their spouse? If you are married, how can you work o this yourself?