

## Created into Community Genesis 1 and 2

Introduction:

*Owners' manual for mankind: story of creation of man*

- I. **Why do we need** to be in community?
  - a. It is *who we are* (*let us make man in our image*) **1:26-27**
  - b. God tells us we need to be in community with other *people*  
2:18 (*not good to be alone*)
    - i. Helper for work (*let them rule over...*) **1:26, 28**
    - ii. Helper for procreation (*fill the earth...*) **1:28**  
Helper to experience intimacy (*naked and not ashamed*) **2:25**
    - iii. Helper to interpret rightly the revelation God gives to us  
(*did God really say... YES!?*) **3:1**  
Helper for day to day life
- II. **Why don't we want** to be in community?
  - a. People can hurt us **3:12,13**
  - b. Being known means my flaws are visible **3:7**
  - c. Don't want to be with others who don't measure up **3:12**
- III. **How do we move forward?**
  - a. Recognize the call to community comes from *God*
  - b. We are redeemed and can experience community safely
  - c. Believe God can
    - i. Protect us
    - ii. Transform us
    - iii. Use us in other's lives
- IV. Will you live out of your created identity, or will you redefine yourself to the uses you want to accomplish?