# creator & creation

GENESIS 1 -11

## Study 4

**GENESIS 2:4-25** 

#### Share

What are some of the different views about men and women in the world today? What are some of the different views about what makes a healthy relationship?

#### Read

Genesis2:4-25

#### Observe

• What differences do you observe between the description of the world in these verses and the world we inhabit today?

#### Reflect

- How do these verses describe the nature of human work?
- What do you think is the significance of the task of naming living creatures?
- What do you think is the connection between the 'work' that is described in the first part of this chapter, and the creation of the woman in the second part of the chapter?
- What do you think is the significance of the dual command to eat of any tree, but do not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil? v16-17
- What is so 'good' about the picture of human relationships in Genesis 2?
- Where can you see some of this 'good' still today? Where do you see it has been lost?

#### Compare

#### Ephesians 5:22-33 & Revelation 21:1-2

How does this change the way you understand marriage?

- **Next steps** What are the implications of the verses we have looked at today as we think about the work we do?
  - What are the implications of the verses we have looked at today for people in different relationships? (eg: married, unmarried, divorced, widowed etc...)

### **Pray**

Pray for each other, in our work, for those who are married, those who are unmarried, that we will all be preparing for the eternal marriage.