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# DISCIPLE ME

## THE ONE ABOUT IDENTITY: PART 3: PARTNERS WITH GOD

### ICEBREAKER: DYNAMIC DUOS

Let's start today's conversation with a competition. Here's how it's going to work. Each person in the group will take turns naming a classic "duo" or pair (think Batman and Robin). Be creative, think outside the box, and see who can come up with the most pairs. Before you begin, set the stakes, and see how long you can go naming dynamic duos.



### READ & DISCUSS : IN THE BEGINNING ... A PARTNERSHIP

Many Christians may not realize that God's original blueprint for the world was built around a partnership between God and humanity. From the very beginning, God invited people into a shared role in His creation. In Genesis, He entrusted Adam and Eve with the care of the garden, the stewardship of the earth, and the task of reflecting His image in the world. Let's take a look at a few passages that highlight this dynamic.

#### Read Genesis 1:26-28

- In this passage, what instructions does God give to humanity?

#### Read Genesis 2:15

- After creating Adam, what role does God give him in the garden?

#### Read Genesis 2:19-20

- What unique task does God invite Adam to complete?

At the beginning of the Bible, we see an all-powerful God who wants to work with humanity to care for and rule over His creation. This was meant to be an active partnership, not just a passive relationship. However, over time, many people have overlooked this and seen their relationship with God as simply following rules, rather than working alongside Him. In truth, God's plan has always been to collaborate with His people to bring His kingdom to earth.

## **READ & DISCUSS: WHO MAKES IT GROW?**

In 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians chapter 3, Paul is dealing with some people in the church of Corinth who are contending against one another based on who they think is a better teacher. In dealing with this topic, Paul highlights a very important dynamic at work in God's world.

### **Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

- What image or picture does Paul employ to help explain his perspective about this conflict in the church?
- Clearly, in Paul's opinion, both the work he did, and the work Apollos did mattered, but who really helped the church grow?
- In verse 9, Paul says that we are co-workers or co-laborers in God's service. What do you think he means by this?

## **STUDY: EPHESIANS 2:10**

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

- What stands out to you about this verse?
- According to this verse, what is God's role in your partnership with Him? What's your responsibility?
- Are some labels or distinctions more important than others?

## **DISCIPLEMAKER SHARE:**

Take a moment to share with those you are leading how you have seen God prepare good work in advance for you. If you're able, also share what you see in the lives of those you are discipling, as there may be areas that God may be preparing them for good works in the future.

## **CHALLENGE: TUNE IN & SHOW UP**

- This week, take five minutes near the beginning of each day to sit in silence and in quiet prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the work He's prepared for you for the day. Then, when you feel a nudge to speak up, or reach out, and do something maybe out of the ordinary. Make sure you show up in the moment and say "Yes!" to what God wants to do with you.