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MANHOOD || WOMANHOOD

INTRODUCTION:

Describe the role of a representative. How do you know someone is a good or bad representative?

TAKE A LOOK AT THE BOOK:

Read Genesis 1:26-31

The text is clear that both male and female are created in the image of God. What are some of the activities God gave them in our passage? Are any of those activities similar to what God does?

The Trinity is a term we use to describe the Godhead, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, they all are equally God, but they have different functions in the Godhead. The early church used to say they are the same "substance" but different "beings" or "persons". The sameness of the persons of the Trinity was actually huge deal in the early church and it caused major divisions. Entire sects broke off because they wanted to believe God was one substance and one person. They accepted equality of God, but felt that meant all were the same too. They denied the various persons of the Godhead had varying roles in God's big story of the world.

What is the difference between equal and same? Are differences in genders something we should deny or embrace, why? How does this relate to the Trinity?

Does Eve being a helper make the woman's role a second class role? Discuss, then read Hebrews 13:6. God is described as our helper, how should this help us view the role of women?

TAKE IT HOME:

What skills or resources has God given you to be his representative? To be a steward?

Is there something in your life he is calling you to refocus or cultivate something? What is it?

He wants to motivate you, to help you, and he has provided the men and women in this group to help you, are you willing to let any of them hold you accountable?