



GOSPEL COMMUNITIES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. ***Review Gospel Appointment documents and distribute people to follow-up with from planning center.***
2. **Volunteering** — You can make a difference in the lives of others by sharing your gifts and talents here at Soma. Each week volunteers minister to others with the love and hope of Jesus Christ. Whatever your interests are, there is a place for you to serve with Soma's Volunteer Ministries.
 - SomaKids
 - Setup and Teardown
 - WhizKids
 - First Impressions
 - Audio/ Visual
 - Music
3. **KAA** - Kids Across America (KAA) is a phenomenal Christian camp for urban youth which offers the experience of a lifetime. During their seven days at camp, participants will experience the joys of a variety of outdoor activities, such as swimming, tubing, archery, high adventure courses, and biking. KAA provides a very safe and non-threatening environment in which youth have the opportunity to clearly hear and see the gospel.

KAA cost \$165 but a \$25 deposit is needed to secure a spot.
4. **Covenant Membership** - SomaDNA is organized to give you a picture into who we are as a church, what our members embody, and what it might mean for you to become a member of Soma. Our goal is to present the essential theological, cultural, and philosophical "DNA" of Soma. All three of these classes will be on Sunday afternoons at 2pm.
 - Sunday, March 31: Gospel
 - Sunday, April 7: Family
 - Sunday, April 14: Mission
5. **Passover** — *Maundy Thursday is the day on which Jesus celebrated the Feast of Passover with his disciples, it was here that Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper as a Sacrament of his church. The name, Maundy. comes from the Latin word 'mandatum' meaning commandment. This refers to Jesus' words to his disciples at 'The Last Supper' recorded in [John 13:34](#), "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."* Join us for a Passover Seder gathering and shared meal at 6:00pm on Thursday, April 18th. Sign up on [somajc.org](#) under events.

QUESTIONS

Take 15-20 minutes to share about how God has been at work in your life, prayer concerns and pray for one another.

- How did God speak to you through the scripture and the sermon this week?

Scripture and Discussion Questions:

1. What problem was presented in Genesis 2:18? How does God reveal this problem to Adam and why is this a problem that God desires to provide a solution for? (*Hint: Think about God being triune and what we discussed when we first looked at Genesis 2 when we learned that God created humanity for intimacy with him*).
2. God calls the woman he created a “helper” in Genesis 2:18 and 20. Define “helper” based on the sermon, Genesis 1:26-28, and the scripture verses in the “before your community group meets” section (Psalm 30:10, Psalm 54:4, and Psalm 118:7).
 - Is this term demeaning, expressing inferiority, uplifting, descriptive, etc? (*Hint: the word “helper” is used 19 times in the Old Testament and 16 of those times it is used for God himself*).
3. What was God’s design for intimate human relationship before the fall (look at Genesis 2:24-25)?
4. How has sin’s presence made this basic human need and desire difficult?
5. How does this discussion change your view of marriage. If you’re married, how do you feel either encouraged in your marriage or convicted to change?

Looking Ahead:

- Read Genesis 3:1-7. Write down 7-10 observations you have about the text (who is present, are they speaking factually, are new characters introduced, etc).
- Look specifically at Genesis 3:5. The Serpent tells Eve that God doesn’t want her to be “like him”.
- Is this true? What part of the Bible, that we have already covered, backs up your point?
- Spend some time in prayer about areas you may feel tempted to doubt God’s goodness in your life right now.