

**PRAYER**

- Intercede for good health, wisdom, blessing, and anointing for the authorities God has placed over your life.



**Honor God. Make Disciples.**

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## In the Lead

### Week 3

NOTES

**CONNECT**

- What is the meaning of your name? Who gave it to you?
- Tell of a time when you had to lead a team in finishing a difficult project. How did you handle the situation?
- Who is your boss? What leadership trait do you admire in that person?

## WORD

<sup>20</sup>So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. . . . <sup>22</sup>Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman’, for she was taken out of man.”

Genesis 2:20,22,23

## WHAT What does the Bible say?

Naming people or things is an act of authority practiced by rulers in the Old Testament (Genesis 32:24-29). God started this when He named Adam. He then delegated the task to the man He created. This shows us the flow of leadership—and knowing who is in the lead is important if we are to keep away from disorder and chaos. Let us understand leadership and our roles further through these three naming acts in Genesis.

- **God named creation and Adam.**

*God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.*

Genesis 1:5

(See also the rest of Genesis 1.)

*Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.*

Genesis 2:7

God spoke things into creation. He said, “let there be” and “it was so.” And God called them so and so they were. Also, God made man and put him in charge over creation. He was also given a name that referred to his function and purpose. Naming His creation and man shows that God is the source of all authority. With that, how should we respond to the authorities God has placed over us?

- **Adam named the creatures.**

*So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. . . .*

Genesis 2:20

Man named the creatures as God commanded him to, implying his rulership over creation and the creatures God made. God made him over the steward garden and the wildlife in it (Genesis 1:28). Followers of Christ should really exemplify good care of the environment God has entrusted us with. What practical ways can we take to live this out?

- **Adam named Eve.**

*The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman’, for she was taken out of man.”*

Genesis 2:23

Man naming the woman for the first time implied that He was to recognize her as co-laborer. Man was to lead the woman (wife) in fruitful labor in the field that they have been called to tend. Adam giving the name “Eve” to the woman (Genesis 3:20) implied that he was given leadership of the family, not only of his wife but all their children. How can we acknowledge the authority of the men God has placed over our lives to lead us?

## SO WHAT What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- How do you recognize God as the ultimate leader over your life?
- In what way have you been a good steward of the environment?
- How faithful have you been in submitting to the people God set in authority over you (fathers, mothers, husbands, bosses, etc.)?

## NOW WHAT How do I apply the Word to my life?

- In what way can you acknowledge God’s authority more in your life? What practical steps can you think of to live this out and when will you start doing these?
- How can you become a better steward of the environment this week? What other things can you commit to do regularly to care for God’s creation?
- How can you bless your parents, spouse, or other authorities in your life this week?