

Genesis: The Book That Started It All

Group Guide | August 10

Open with prayer and a reading of Genesis 1-2 (15 minutes).

Start your group time with a word of prayer. Pray that God would guide your time together, that the Lord would encourage and challenge your group through this study of Genesis, and that God would be glorified in you as you reflect and study.

Then, read all of **Genesis 1-2**.

Discuss Genesis 1-2 as a group (20 minutes).

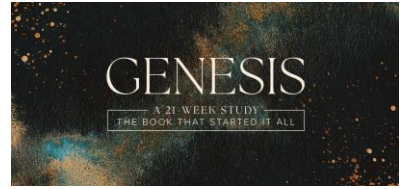
- What stands out to you about the creation stories of Genesis 1 and Genesis 2? Explain.
- On each day of creation, God calls the day “good” or “very good.” How do you see goodness in the world around you, even amidst brokenness? How can you cultivate gratitude for the beauty in creation?
- What does it mean that God is your Creator and you are His creation?
- Do you have any questions related to God creating everything? Or these accounts in Genesis 1 and 2? Explain.

Turn to 2-3 others near where you’re sitting for prayer (5 minutes).

Pray out loud with one another in your smaller circles. Spend time thanking God for creation, acknowledging Him as Creator and yourself as creature.

Come back as a large group and discuss God's creation in relation to Dan's sermon (20 minutes).

- Read **Psalms 19**. In his sermon, Dan talked about how God's creation displays His glory. What does that mean? How do you see God's glory in creation personally?



- Dan talked specifically about how creation reveals things like God's infinitude, power, creativity, beauty, benevolence, Him as a Trinity, and His presence. Do you see these things in creation too? Which resonates with you most? Which are you most needing reminded of?
- How can you cultivate the sort of vision that is more prone to noticing these in creation?
- Lastly, Dan talked about how creation calls us to respond in various ways. He articulated seven responses: faith, worship, joy, creativity, stewardship, rest, and hope. Which of these responses are you most naturally prone to? Which do you struggle with the most? Why?
- Which of these (e.g. worship, joy, rest, etc.) would you like to practice this week? How are you going to do that?

Finish in prayer (5 minutes).

Take the final few moments to reflect on your answer to that very last question. Have each person spend a personal moment in prayer asking God for help in responding rightly to Him as Creator.

After a few moments have passed, finish in prayer out loud over your group highlighting these same themes.