



Covenant Group Guide - Sept. 12, 2021

Preaching Text - Genesis 1:1 - 2:4

This guide corresponds with each Sunday's preaching text. If you would like to expand your discussion beyond the preaching text, refer to the daily readings listed at the bottom of the page.

Read Gen. 1:1-2:4 and consider the following questions based on each day of creation.

Guiding Thought: Rather than reading this as a story that is attempting to tell you how the world came into being, listen for why the world was created.

Questions for Group Discussion:

What does God want you to know about creation?

What does God want you to know about your relationship with God?

What does God want you to know about your relationship with creation?

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Genesis 1:1-5

Was there anything before God got to work?

What was there, according to the text?

What tool(s) does God use to create?

Genesis 1:6-13

What did God do on the second day?

What happens on day three?

What things does God create?

Genesis 1:14-23

What happens on day four?

What did God think of that work?

What happens on day five?

Genesis 1:24-31

What seems different about day six from the previous five days?

How is the creation of humankind unique?

What is God's opinion of all of creation?

Genesis 2:1-4a

What does God do on the seventh day?

Why is rest important?

What is significant about the seventh day being made holy?

The Point: God declares that creation is good.

Key Verse: God saw everything that [God] had made, and indeed, it was very good. - Gen. 1:31

Summary: God creates the heavens, the earth, and everything that fills them. God does not do the work of creation haphazardly; instead, God separates and orders creation with great care.

Additional scripture connected to the creation story:

Psalm 8: The Psalmist extols the wondrous way in which God made creation.

Mark 4:41: The disciples are astounded that the wind and the sea obey the words of Jesus, in the same way that the wind and the sea obeyed the words of God at the beginning of creation.

Daily Readings in Genesis (9/12-9/18): Sunday - 1:1-2:4a; Monday - 2:7-9, 15, 18-25;

Tuesday - 3:8-19; Wednesday - 12:1-9; Thursday - 15:1-6; Friday - 17:15-21; Saturday - 18:1-15



Covenant Group Guide Typical Meeting Format

1. Spend time throughout the week reading the daily Scripture passages.
2. Spend time sharing and getting to know each other.
3. Open scripture time in prayer
4. Briefly review last week's lesson
5. Read the current week's scripture as a group
6. Go through the Covenant Group Guide questions
7. As your group goes through the questions, encourage one another to bring up words or phrases that stick out to each person for further conversation.
8. As you close, be sure to take notes of words or ideas the group would like to investigate further.
9. Determine how you would like to go about gaining additional information regarding those words or ideas. (The church staff and pastors are able to assist as needed)
10. Share joys and concerns and close in prayer.