



Bible Study Booklet

2 February to 16 March 2025

The Story Of God - Genesis 1:1-2

1. What strikes you as significant about the way the Bible begins?
2. What is the first thing we learn about God?
3. Read John 1:1-5. What do these verses, alongside Genesis 1:1-2 tell us about who God is?
4. Why are the first 2 verses of the bible so important for our faith and understanding of God?

5. What are the implications of life if there is no Triune, loving, and moral Creator at the centre of it all?
6. How does the idea of evolution fit in with the bible understanding of creation?
7. If you have questions about the beginning of creation, what are they and share them in the group for open discussion?

Closing Thought

How can we model God's original design, model new creation, to the world around us?

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The Story Of Creation - Genesis 1: 4-25

1. God said 'let there be light' on the first day, but the sun and moon were not created until the fourth day. What was the light on the first day?
2. There are two categories, creator and created. Who is in each category? Why is that significant?
3. How did God create the world? Does it seem like it was difficult for him? What does that tell you about God?
4. After God creates, what does Moses keep saying that God saw about creation? What does that tell you about God's original design for this world?

5. Why do you think God names things? Can you find what God does not name?

6. What are your thoughts about the first five days of creation?

7. As was asked in week one, how does the idea of evolution fit in with the bible understanding of creation?

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The Story Of Humanity & Rest - Genesis 1:26 - 2:3

1. The text really slows down when it comes to mankind. What does God say about mankind? What does God do for mankind? What does that tell you about God's plan for mankind?
2. What does it mean to be created in the 'Image of God'?
3. What did God do when he finished creating? What do you think that is supposed to tell us about how the world was supposed to be?
4. What does rest mean?

5. What does it mean that God made the seventh day holy?
6. After each of the first six days what do we hear? What do we not hear on the Sabbath day? Why is it not there?
7. How would you summarize what you learned about God and His plan for the world and for us as humans from this chapter?

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Study 4

Week of Feb 23

The Story of the Garden - Genesis 2:4-25

In this chapter, God zooms in from looking at the created universe to look especially at His plan for us as humans. We have gotten the big picture, now let's look at some of the details. (There are a lot of questions this week, pick and choose which ones you want to ask and look at).

1. How exactly did God make man? What do you think is the significance of God breathing into man's nostrils the breath of life?
2. What does the way God created man say about the kind of relationship they had?
3. What did God make after creating man?
4. Do you know what the word Eden means? Try to find out.
5. What was this place like? Note some of the characteristics that Moses shares about it.
6. Was this place the whole earth? Yes or no?
7. Why are there these different rivers? What might that tell you about Eden?
8. Why did God place mankind there? What might this teach you about work?
9. What did God say man could do? What did God say man could not do?
10. What is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? What is the point?
11. After giving this command, what does God do for man? What does that say about God?
12. What does this teach us about marriage?
13. What does man do with the cattle and the birds and the beasts of the field? Who has been naming things up to this point? What does that tell you about man's role?
14. Why does God use Adam's rib to make Eve?
15. What does man say about the woman? What do you think that means?
16. What does Moses tell us about marriage at the end of this chapter?
17. How does he describe man and woman at the end of this chapter? What do you think is the significance of that statement?

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Study 5

Week of Mar 2

The Story of Sin - Genesis 3:1-24

In Genesis 1 and 2, God's created a very good world for man to enjoy. Obviously, the world is a lot different now. Genesis 3 shows us why. (*Again there are a lot of questions this week, pick and choose which ones you what to ask and look at*).

1. What does the writer say about the serpent? What is the significance?
2. Why does the Bible mention creatures of the field when talking about the serpent?
3. What question does the serpent ask the woman initially? What do you think he is trying to get her to think by asking the question that way?
4. What does the woman add to God's command?
5. After the woman answers, how does the serpent respond? What does he want her to doubt about God?
6. How do we know the serpent is not just talking to the woman?
7. We were supposed to rule over the animals, but here, the animals rule over us. The man and woman listen to the serpent, and what happens?
8. God searches them out. Think about that. They sinned and God comes for them. How should they have responded when God spoke to them? How did they respond instead?
9. What happens to their relationship with the earth, with each other, and with God as a result of their sin?
10. Why do you think Satan chooses to use a snake?
11. Is Satan lying when he says that man will be like God?
12. What promise does God make in verse 15?
13. Why is the fact that God uses the singular to talk about the seed of the woman so significant?
14. Can you think of any way that man calling his wife Eve in verse 20 might have been an expression of faith in God's mercy?
15. Why do you think God might not have wanted man to live forever in his condition at the end of verse 22? Is there anyway this might have been a mercy?

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The Story of Expectations - Genesis 4:1-26

God created a very good world. Man rebelled against God. God cursed the world as a result, but also made a promise about the seed of the woman. As we read Genesis 4, we are looking for the promised seed and we are also looking at the consequences of man's sin.

1. What does Eve say after she gives birth to Cain? Why do you think she mentions God here and what connection do you think her statement might have with the promise God made in 3:15?
2. She also gave birth to Abel. So, we have two "seeds" here. Both of these seeds come to worship God and what happens?
3. How does Cain respond? How should he have responded according to God?
4. What does God teach Cain about the nature of sin?
5. Cain doesn't listen to God's warning. What does he do? This is a fulfillment of Genesis 3:15 already. There are those who follow Satan and those who follow God. And those who follow Satan will hate those who follow God!

6. Why do you think Satan might have wanted to use Cain to take out Abel?

7. Still God gives Cain a chance to repent. But what does Cain do instead?

8. Even when God judges him, does Cain repent? What does he do instead of repenting?

9. God shows mercy to Cain, but do things get better? What are Cain's descendants like by the end of this chapter? Especially notice what Lamech says.

10. This chapter might almost seem hopeless until the last two verses. The wicked seed of Satan seems like they have won. But what happens here that gives hope?

11. What does Seth's name mean?

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The Story of Faith and Faithlessness - Genesis 5:1 - 6:8

God has created a beautiful world. He's given man an amazing privilege. Not content with that, man wanted to be God Himself and rebelled. The result, God has kept His promise to judge. But surprise! He's also made a promise to save through one of Eve's descendants. One of Eve's descendants has chosen to follow Satan and attacked and killed the descendant who was following God. But hope is not lost! God's given Eve another son and this son begins a generation of people who are calling upon God.

1. At the end of verse 1, who did God make man in the likeness of? Who exactly is he talking about according to verse 2? What important truth does that tell you about women specifically? This also tells us something about the doctrine of original sin. Adam was made in the likeness of God, then he sinned, and his son was made in whose likeness?
2. What happened to Adam in verse 5? You are going to see that word a lot! What does that tell you about the consequences of sin?
3. Everyone dies in this chapter! Well, almost everyone. Who escapes the curse of death and how?

