



Small Group Discussion Guide Genesis 1-2

Open your group with a time of sharing and prayer. Pray for the upcoming Easter weekend. Ask God to use each of you to reach out to others and invite them to church.

I. Beginning of God's Story tells the creation account.

- Read Gen 1:1-25 and review the six days of creation and what God made on each day.
- In what way is God's word the "agent of creation?"
 - Note 2 Pet. 3:5-6, Heb. 11:3
 - Note also how the New Testament presents Jesus as "The Word," the co-agent of creation (John 1:1-3, Col. 1:15-17).

II. On the 6th day God creates mankind.

- Read Gen. 1:26-28. What does being made in God's image mean?
- How are humans different from all other creatures?
- What is implied by subduing the earth and ruling over it?
- Are we fulfilling one assignment today?

III. God puts Adam in the garden. Read Gen. 2:15-17.

- What job did Adam have in Eden?
- Is work a bad or good thing?
- How does sin taint our ability to do meaningful labor according to Gen. 3:17-19?
- What remedy are we given now as Christians according to Col. 3:17 and 1 Cor. 10:31?

IV. In Eden, God puts before Adam an option. What is it?

- Why did God test Adam?
- How does this affect us now?
- In what ways do we face tests of obedience (and temptations) today?
 - Note Matt. 25:41, 1 Cor. 10:13.

V. Finally, God institutes marriage.

- Read Gen. 2:18-25. Why was being alone "not good?"
- Is that still the case? Explain your answer.
- Explain how a wife could be a "suitable helper."
- What kind of help did Adam need?
- How should marriage be a mutually helpful relationship?
- What happens when it's not so?
- Notice in verse 24-25 the progression of marriage.
 - What are the four steps mentioned?
 - Explain the importance of each.

Close your time by praying marriages in our church.



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