



Creation: The Beginning of Life as We Know It: The Story, Pt. 1 | | Genesis 1-4, 6-9

Long before culture told us who we are, God already had. The origins of our identity, purpose, and hope, trace God's story from a perfect garden to a devastating fall to a promise of rescue that changes everything. Discover why your story only makes sense in light of God's.

Takeaway: Your story began with God's design, but it is redeemed only through the cross of Jesus Christ.

Discussion Questions:

1. To most people, the Bible is intimidating. What value is there in knowing the Word of God? What keeps people from reading the Bible? What is your personal rhythm with reading the Bible?
2. Describe some non-Biblical creation explanations you have heard. Why do you think these other explanations don't hold up to scrutiny?
3. **Read Genesis 1:26-27.** When you think of the "image of God" what comes to mind? What does it mean for humankind to be created in God's image? How does this truth challenge the way our culture often measures a person's worth from conception to death?
4. **Read Genesis 2:18-24.** Over the past 2 decades, the culture has been attacking the foundation of Biblical marriage. Discuss why God's design for marriage is an important foundation to a well functioning society.
5. **Read Genesis 3:6-9.** After Adam and Eve sinned, God's first response was to seek them out and ask, "Where are you?" rather than immediately punishing them. What does this reveal about God's character?
6. What steps should Bible believing Christians take to align their worldview with God's design?
7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
8. How can the group encourage you this week?