



LIVE the **WORD**

IT'S EVERYTHING!

SMALL GROUP LEADER

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SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 21:1

Group leaders should:

- **"Set the table" for interaction and group discussion by (4 minutes):**
 - explaining the idea of the week's theme
 - explaining the context of the main passage(s) to be discussed
- **Debrief from weekly reading (8-10 minutes)**
- **Facilitating, Discipling, Guiding, Shepherding (30 minutes)**

Small Group Questions:

- 1. What best describes the kind of power involved in creating everything out of nothing? What creative act of man most fully represents the creative work of God in Genesis 1 - 2?**
- 2. Revelation 4:11 says, "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory... for you created all things..." How can God's people give Him the glory He is due because He is creator of all things? Do you do this?**
- 3. How does it make you feel to know that as a human creature and as a new creation in Christ, you are a part of the apex of God's creative work?**
- 4. How does your life need to change this week because of what the Holy Spirit has revealed to you through His word today?**

SET THE TABLE

The Bible starts with God creating the heavens and the earth and ends with the new heavens and the new earth.

Creation is foundational to the whole biblical story. It sets the stage for the unfolding of God's redemptive plan. God created everything for His glory!

Creation, Genesis 1:1. Genesis 1 & 2 record creation. Theologians speak of creation as ex nihilo which means, "out of nothing." There was no preexisting matter. Out of nothing God created everything by the power of His spoken word in six days. "God said" and it happened instantly and exactly as He said. The crowning of creation was God creating man in His image, male and female.

Genesis 1 Creation Pattern

- Order out of Chaos
- Light out of Darkness
- Beauty out of Void
- Life Where There Was No Life

This creation pattern will repeat itself in the creation of God's Old Testament people, in the ministry of Jesus, in every believer of Jesus, and the new heavens and the new earth.

We understand by faith God created everything, Hebrews 11:3. Creation reveals. Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:19-20. Creation builds faith in difficult times, Jeremiah 32:16. Creation leads to bold praying, Acts 4:23-31.

Creation was marred by the Fall. When God pronounced judgement on Adam, the ground (creation) was cursed, Genesis 3:17-18.

New Creations in Christ, 2 Corinthians 5:17. Trusting Jesus as the King and Savior of your life brings a radical change in life, to becoming a new creation. It is receiving a new life to walk in newness of life. We are not perfect, but the desires of our hearts and the direction of our lives have changed. We are to present our bodies to God as instruments of righteousness (Romans 6:13-14; Romans 12:1).

While we are new creations in Christ, the creation is groaning awaiting the completion of our redemption, glorification, Romans 8:18-22.

The New Creation, Revelation 21:1-2. Everything that sin corrupted in creation will be made new in the New Creation, the new heaven and the new earth and the new Jerusalem. It will be the dwelling place of God and God's people will be with Him. Everything will be made new. There will be no Temple for the God and the Lamb will be the temple. There will be no sun or moon for the glory of God will be the light. There will be the river of life and the tree of life. In the midst of the new creation will be the throne of God and the Lamb.

