

Gospel According to Genesis

Week 1 Community Group Guide

Prayer: (1-2 mins)

Lord, please open our eyes to the truth of your word. We pray for wisdom as we prepare to read your word, clarity for while we read, and discernment as we apply your word to our hearts. Let your word change our actions. We pray the truth we find here will transform our heart and mind to follow more after you. Amen.

Introduction: (2 min)

This week we are starting a new series called The Gospel According to Genesis

Pastor Shannon said the whole focus of this series, the entire focus of the Bible for that matter, can be summed up into one sentence...

It's not about us!

That is a mistake people make when they come to read the Bible thinking it's a fixing up book , trying to figure out “how to fix my parenting” and “how to fix my marriage” ‘how to fix my addiction’ ‘fix my loneliness”

But it's not about that, yes the Bible is for human flourishing, but the story is not about you, however it does include you!

It's a Story about God. The whole thing is about God.

Read: (1 min)

Genesis 1:1-3

Watch: (4 mins) / have someone write down the scriptures as they are referenced in the video

CREATION from The Spoken Gospel on Youtube
<https://youtu.be/rFHefc6WwfQ>

Search: (2 mins)

Have group members look up the scriptures referenced in the video to be ready to read them as they are discussed.

Discuss: (10-15 mins)

Discuss Genesis 1:1-3 and the video.
- During the discussion be ready to read the scriptures referenced in the video.

- What was said in the video you may not have known or considered before?

Message Recap: (10-15 mins) / [this section will contain main points or scriptures to read, discuss, ask questions.]

Pastor Shannon said the following:

It's all about God!

God creates the world.

People rebel against God.

God floods the earth

God saves Noah and his family

Fast forward, God calls 99 yr old Abram to be the father of a great people

Prophets come and who do they talk about? God!

Then about 400 years of silence

Then John the Baptist says...prepare to meet God

Jesus shows up as God

Makes the sacrifice only he is able to make as God

Raised back to life to be with God

So that we might be in relationship with God

And all the way to the end of the book there is the throne room of God, people are worshipping God,

Singing praise forever to God.

It's all about God.

In Genesis 1 the word 'created' is used 12 times. It means '*making something out of nothing.*'

Genesis 1 takes off the table the idea that everything in the world as we know it began through some blind random force where nothing x nobody = everything!

God created!

So, nothing x God = everything!

The emphasis, when it comes to debates on creation, doesn't need to be on HOW or WHEN everything was made, but it should be on WHO made everything!

If it is an old earth, my God is the creator of it.

If it is an young earth, my God is the creator of it.

Discuss & Application: (10-15 mins)

3 application points

1. Creation directs us to know God

Romans 1:20

2. Creation should drive us to worship God

Psalm 8:3

Psalm 19:1

3. Creation demonstrates the Gospel

Compare **Genesis 1:1-3 & John 1:1-5**

Close in Prayer