

Genesis: The Book That Started It All

Weekly Devotionals | August 10

OPEN with prayer.

Begin this devotional exercise by finding a quiet place where you can spend time with God in His word. Before reading, pray that the Holy Spirit would open your eyes and heart to what God wants to say to you through His word.

READ Genesis 1-2 like last week.

- Genesis 1:1 opens with “God,” but it finishes with how God “created the heavens and the earth.” What does it mean that God is Creator and everything else is created/creature?
- In the space below, note what God does/creates on each of the seven days of creation:

Day 1 --

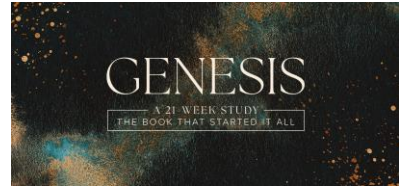
Day 2 --

Day 3 --

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Day 5 --

Day 6 --



Day 7 --

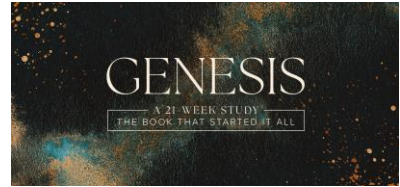
- Now, reflect on the various days of creation. Are there any phrases repeated? Are there any days that stand out as being pretty different? Note your findings in the space below.

What do you think is the significance of these repetitions and differences?

- Look at Genesis 1 and then Genesis 2. What similarities do you see in these two creation accounts? What differences do you see? What might their differences be highlighting that is of significance?

REFLECT

- Do you see yourself as God's creature? Him as your Creator? Explain.
- How would it change how you see yourself if you did see God in this way?
- On each day of creation, God calls the day “good” or “very good.” How do you see goodness in the world around you, even amidst brokenness? How can you cultivate gratitude for the beauty in creation?



- Do you have any questions related to God creating everything? Or these accounts in Genesis 1 and 2? List out all your questions and wonderings in the space below.

PRAY

Take anything that you reflected on above and pray that to God. Next, take a moment to intentionally pray for a deeper realization of God's nature as Creator in your life.