

Week 1// Beginnings

Genesis 1-11

Intro//

There are 1189 chapters in the Bible, but the first session focuses on just Genesis 1-11. Why? Because these opening chapters function like a telescope, a lens through which we see the big picture of God's interaction with history and humanity in broad brush strokes. In the accounts of creation, fall and flood, we get both a glimpse of God's nature and a snapshot of the whole story that is to come. For the first video in full, please [click here](#).

Discussion Questions//

Each week there will be an opportunity to discuss the above video in your communities. Here are some suggested questions to help frame your conversations.

1. James pointed out that there are 1189 chapters in the Bible. Which chapter/chunk or passage of scripture is most meaningful to you and why?
2. James describes Genesis 1-11 as like looking at events through a telescope. How might this image help you make sense of the start of God's story?
 - a. *If you looked at world events through a 'telescope' now, what would you notice?*
3. What do the accounts of creation in Genesis 1 and 2 reveal about God's character?
4. How does both the 'content' of creation (**ch. 1-2**) and humanity's attempts to counter this (**ch. 3-11**) offer a different story from culture's account human origins and the state of the world?
5. How has God's word shaped your story and/or influenced your path in life?
 - a. *In what way might 'what God says' be challenging you right now?*

Reading Plan//

1	Genesis 1-2	Creation
2	Genesis 3	Fall
3	Genesis 6.5-7.24	Flood
4	Genesis 8.1-9.17	Noah & Covenant
5	Genesis 11.1-9	Babel
6	Genesis 12	Abram
7	Genesis 15	Abraham