

Genesis

God's World. God's Story.



Page 1 of God's Story

Genesis 1:1-25

Big Idea: On page 1 of God's Story, we find a Good Creator who inspires awe, who deserves praise, and who calls us to pay attention to the pages ahead.

Outline:

1. God is the Great Creator of Everything

Response: Awe-Inspired Bowed Knees to Him

2. God is the Good Designer of His Domain

Response: Praising Raised Hands to Him

3. God is the Personal Preeminent Author of His Story

Response: Listening Ears Turned to Him

Discussion Questions:

1. What attribute of God most stands out to you from Genesis 1?
2. Is there anything in Genesis 1 that challenges or stretches your current understanding of God?
3. How does the God of Genesis 1 differ from the idols of man's imagination?
4. How does Genesis 1 showcase both God's "greatness" and "goodness." Why are both of these aspects of God's character important?
5. What do we learn that is important about the created world from Genesis 1?
6. Should we interpret Genesis 1's days "literally" or as part of a "figurative literary framework"? ...and what are the implications for each of these interpretative decisions on:
 - a. The age of the earth?
 - b. The compatibility of the Bible with "science"?
 - c. The reliability and authority of Scripture?
 - d. The gospel of Jesus?
7. How does the God of Genesis 1 differ from the god of Deism?
8. What is your *response* to Genesis 1? In other words, how can we appropriately *apply* this passage? (for inspiration see Psalm 8:1-4, 136:1-9)