

## Genesis 1-2 | In the Beginning...

### Getting Going (15 min)

1. Settling in & Opening Prayer
2. Pastor Jason said that we are all deeply shaped by story, share a lighthearted story from your life that actually had a large impact upon you.

### Digging Deeper (40 min)

1. Read through Genesis 1-2 as a group. Based upon these 2 chapters what do you think God wants us to know about Him and about His creation?
2. The ancient cultures saw the creation of the world from a perspective of struggle and rivalry. How is our God different, what does that make you realize or think about our God?
3. The ancient people believed that the gods created us to be the gods slaves. However, in the bible God singled out people as a special part of creation by making us in His image to be his royal representatives. What does that say about how God values people? How does that shape how you view and treat yourself and others?
4. We were challenged in this sermon to ask the right questions when we approach the creation account. The questions Pastor Jason directed to were: *Who is God? Who are we? Why are we here?* How would you answer these questions?

### Practical Preparation:

1. Do you ever take time to examine creation and wonder at God, and what he has done? How might you find time this week to wonder in awe at who God is and what he has done?
2. How should one respond to the almighty creator? Are there areas in your life where you are not responding to God in the way he is due? What is something this week you can do differently to respond to him as he is due?
3. Human beings have value and dignity beyond measure because we are made in the image of God. How might you live out that truth this week?
4. The creator of the universe has made us for a purpose, to be his royal representatives upon the earth. What is something you can do this week to live out this calling?

### Parting Prayer (15 min)

1. Pray that as you view God as creator that it would cause you to want to treat Him with the reverence and respect that he is due.
2. Pray that God will give you the eyes to see yourself and others as deeply important and valued, regardless of stage of life, beliefs, or appearance.
3. Pray that as we read about our purpose from God that we might live it out for all to see.

Optional Extra Question - If you could describe your family in one word what would it be? Why?