



ORIGINS

Genesis 1-11

Discussion Guide: In the Beginning...God

Passage: Genesis 1:1-2

Summary: “In the beginning...God.” The very first words of Scripture lay the foundation for all that will follow. We start with God. Does God have a beginning? Where did God come from? And what can the origin of our world tell us about God?

Discussion Questions

1. Why do origin stories matter? How does the origin story of secular humanism change how one answers the foundational questions of life (i.e.- Who am I? What is my purpose? What is the good life?, etc...)
2. As we begin our walk through Genesis 1-11, what are the questions you have? What are the parts of the story you feel confused about or want to understand better?
3. We talked about how Genesis was written to a specific people in a specific place and time? Discuss who Genesis was first written to and why it was originally written. Why is it important to take this context into account when approaching Genesis? (Or any part of Scripture for that matter?)
4. Why do we approach Genesis with humility and wonder? What does that look like and what does that not look like?
5. Why do we approach Genesis with gratitude? What does our origin story tell us that moves us towards gratitude?

Take some time to pray for one another in smaller groups.