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Genesis 1-11

Discussion Guide: In the Beginning...God

Passage: Genesis 1:1—2:3

Summary: How did this world come into existence? What does the Bible say about the beginning of the universe? And what does it not say? Does the Bible conflict with science? And what is the point of Genesis 1? Together, we'll see the beauty of the creation account and why it matters for us today.

Discussion Questions

1. If the main point of Genesis 1 is not to give a detailed, scientific account of the universe's beginning, what is the main point?
2. What did you notice, or do you remember from the sermon, that showed how the creation account is beautifully poetic? Why would Moses have written it this way? (*Hint:* think counter-worldview formation for the ancient Near East)
3. The creation account shows us that God has no rival, brings order to chaos, and rules over all. Where do we see this in the creation account? How is this good news for our world today? And for you?
4. God is the designer and has a vision for His creation? Where do we see this in the creation account? How does this free us from the pressure of having to give our lives meaning and purpose by ourselves?
5. God created as an act of love and we are the high point of this creative act! We have dignity and worth, made in His image. Do you view yourself through this lens? Do you view other humans around you with this lens? What are some implications of this truth?

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