



ORIGINS

Genesis 1-11

Discussion Guide: **Origins- A New Beginning**

Passage: Genesis 8-8

Summary: Just as in Genesis 1, God separates the water from the land...a kind of new creation and a sign of a new beginning for the world. Like Adam and Eve, God gives Noah and his family a mission as humans made in His image. And then God graciously makes a promise to Noah and His family...a promise showing He was still committed to humanity and had not given up on them. God does not give up on His creation and we'll see that He does not give up on us. Yet, as we'll see, even with a new beginning the same old problem seems to persist.

Discussion Questions

1. Are you waiting on God to hear you and to keep His promises? Does it feel like He is silent at times? What has that looked like at points in your life?
2. How might Noah's story help you continue to wait and know that God hasn't forgotten you?
3. Sin is strong. How have you seen generational sin...the sin of parents passed down to their children...played out in your own life or in your family story?
4. God's grace is stronger! What do we see about God's grace through how He responds to Noah and his family after the flood?

At the end, take some time to pray for one another in smaller groups.