

Bible Study Questions

Genesis: The Story Begins - God

Focus

The eternal and only God has created the whole world, including and especially men and women, for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Read

[Genesis 1:1-2:3](#)

Listen

CCNYC teaching on Genesis which can be found on our [website](#)

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Questions for Review

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage:
 - What's the context? (Where are we in Genesis; the Pentateuch; the Old Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
 - Who are the main characters in this section?
 - Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
 - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
 - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
 - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

Questions for Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

1. What does this passage teach you about God?

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2. What's one aspect of God's creation that you especially love? How have you been drawn to worship Him because of what you see in creation?
3. To what degree are you 'glorifying and enjoying God' right now in your life? What can you do to increase your enjoyment of Him?
4. What does this passage teach you about human beings?
5. What encouragement can you take from knowing that you've been made in the image of God?
6. In what way does this passage provide the groundwork for all human rights? How might we explain this to our unbelieving neighbor?
7. Overall, how does this passage help you to make sense of your identity as a human being?
8. In what ways might this account of God's creating work have been relevant to the Israelites as they were about to enter the land of Canaan? In what similar ways might it be relevant to us today?
9. In what areas of your life do you need to be most on guard against idolatry – that is, worshipping something in the created world instead of the Creator?
10. Do you think you can make sense of the rest of the Bible without Genesis 1-2? Why or why not?
11. Do you think you can make sense of the gospel without Genesis 1-2? Why or why not?
12. Can you think of any ways that the New Testament either directly quotes or echoes Genesis 1-2 in order to apply its truth to our lives?

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Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:

1. How does the gospel inform your understanding and application of this passage?
2. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like? If so, how so?
3. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life? If so, how specifically will you address it?
4. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?