

Beginning Hope: Creation - Where it all began

What thoughts or questions do you have about the biblical account of creation; God created everything, even mankind? Have you ever considered how incredible creation actually is?

How has your understanding of God or creation changed? Explain.

2 Timothy 3:16 ESV

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

The Bible is God's very words to us. The Bible is true, without error and gives us truths about God and his plan for all of mankind, even us. Is this description of the Bible new to you? Explain.

Do you think that knowing the Bible is true and without error is important? Why?

Genesis 1:27 ESV

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

God created man and woman in his likeness, meaning humans are created differently from all other creatures. Men and women were created to live for God and glorify him. Adam and Eve lived in perfect harmony with God in the garden until they were tempted by Satan to doubt God's goodness and love for them. Adam and Eve believed the lie that God was withholding good things and they disobeyed God. This disobedience and rebellion toward God brought sin into the world and shattered the perfect harmony between God and mankind.

Can you recognize the same temptation to doubt God's goodness toward you? In what ways have you believed this lie and turned to people or things to bring comfort or to fulfill you?

In what ways do you or have you experienced suffering in your life? Have you ever thought about suffering being a result of Adam and Eve's rebellion toward God? What questions do you have about this?

Prepare for next week:

- **read Genesis chapters 1, 2 and 3, write down any questions to discuss with your discipleship leader**
- **watch Beginning Hope: The Fall - The Curse of Sin**
- **complete the questions on pages 5-6**