

creator & creation

GENESIS 1 -11

Study 1

GENESIS 1:1-25

Share

How do you feel about looking at the book of Genesis? Do you already have questions? Do you feel overly familiar with this part of bible? Have you looked at this text much before?

Read

Genesis 1:1-25

Observe

- Note down all the repeated words and phrases
- What patterns & rhythms do you notice?
- What is said about God so far?
- What do you think is the chief concern of the author so far?

Reflect

- What is the significance of the phrase 'in the beginning' as a start the bible? The beginning of what? What do you think is the difference between the language of a 'beginning' and simply an 'origin'?
- God is clearly separate from his creation. What might be some of the implications of this for our relationship with God (compared to other religions)?
- Do you think 'goodness' describes the state of God's world today?

Compare

Colossians 1:15-20

- How does this passage help us understand the purpose of God's creation?

Next steps

- In what ways do you find that you live *as if* you don't believe Genesis 1:1-25, even if you do?

Pray

Pray for each other. Especially that we will live as those who know they are 'creatures' made by a good creator, seeking to align all elements of our lives under the Lordship of Jesus.