



ACT 1 / CREATION

ICE BREAKER

Don't take this one too seriously: what silly thing do you wish was not part of creation (i.e., mosquitos!)?

READ 2020

Did this week's scripture readings impact you in any way that you feel led to share?

Where did we come from? As it turns out, how we answer this question really matters for how we see God, ourselves, the world, and how we live within it. The story that scripture tells portrays a compelling picture that we are from God and that everything is from God, as God is the Creator of all that is. As Creator, God is like a king whose kingdom is all of creation, a skilled engineer who brings order out of disorder, and a master artist who delights in his work. And we are his masterpiece: bearing God's image, reflecting him to all of creation.

KNOW

- Read and reflect on Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31.
 - What is the primary theme of the creation story?
 - How does it shape our view of God? How does it shape our view of ourselves?
 - What are the implications that God created all that is?
- Read and reflect on Genesis 2:7-9, 15-25. Think of man/Adam and woman/Eve as representing humanity.
 - What do we learn about the relationship between God and humanity?
 - List as many 'human' qualities, responsibilities, and characteristics as you can identify. Share a few.

LIVE

- God is king over all: what part of your world do you try to keep from God's rule?
- God is a skilled engineer: where should you seek God's order for some dis-order in your life?
- God is a master artist: as his masterpiece, how do you struggle to believe and live like it?
- As God's image-bearers, we're created to reflect and represent God in the world.
 - Who has been a model image-bearer for you? Who has reflected God's character to you?
 - How do you do this well? How can you do this better? How can you do this in new ways?

TELL

- Practice summing up the 'creation' part of "The Story" in 2-5 sentences. Give it a try!

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER.

To close this meeting, break up into a men's and women's group. Share prayer needs and then open the floor to praying for one another (not everyone *has* to pray out loud). Commit to praying for the other men/women in your Group throughout the week.

PARK
CHURCH