

In The Beginning

How Genesis sets up the rest of Scripture

In the beginning... maybe the most widely known and popular phrase from all of Scripture. Packed into that statement and what follows is a bold claim, a claim there is a Sovereign, all-powerful, creator and personal God. A God who creates, gives purpose and interacts with His creation. This beginning of the story of the world gives us details and information that helps us make sense of our world today. When we miss or confuse God as creator, we miss the starting point for all other discussions in Scripture.

Part 1 (March 12): Creation

Question: Do I think of Jesus as Creator and sovereign over all or do I shrink my view of Him?

Passage: Genesis 1:1-25, Colossians 1:16

Big Idea: Jesus created the world and is sovereign over all creation.

Part 2 (March 19): Image of God

Question: What is the importance of seeing ourselves and others as made in God's image?

Passage: Genesis 1:26-29

Big Idea: We have value because we are created in God's image.

Part 3 (March 26): The Fall

Question: How did sin impact God's creation?

Passage: Genesis 3, Romans 5:12-18

Big Idea: Sin is a whole lot more serious than we often think. The bad news is worse than ever imagined, but the good news is even better than we could have hoped.

Part 4 (April 2): Cain and Abel

Question: What is acceptable worship God?

Passage: Genesis 4, Hebrews 11:4

Big Idea: God desires our worship, not just our leftovers.

Part 5 (April 9): Abram

Question: How does God view the world around us?

Passage: Genesis 12, 15, John 3:16

Big Idea: God's plan has always been for the whole world to be redeemed by Him.