

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Read Genesis 1:1-5.

What do you learn about God in these opening verses of Genesis?

How is earth described in the first two verses?

Why do you think God doesn't give us all the details about His creation process? (Or anything else, for that matter!)

How do you feel about the gaps in the creation story? How have those gaps impacted your faith?

What changes between Genesis 1:1 and 1:5?

Consider your own life. Where has God brought order to chaos? How has He filled emptiness with life?

2. Read Genesis 2:1-3 and Psalm 132:13-14.

What does Genesis 2 tell us about what happens on Day 7?

God's energy is not limited, so He wouldn't have needed a nap. How is the biblical meaning of 'rest' in these verses different from what we think of as 'rest'?

How does this insight about rest expand your understanding of God's purpose in creating our world? What was God's intention and what is He working to recover?

Order... fullness... presence. These words describe the life God intended to share with His creation. Which of these words most resonates with you today?

Where do you need God to bring order to chaos today? Where do you need a deeper awareness of His presence?

3. Read Genesis 1.

Read slowly and as you do, ask yourself, "What is God trying to tell me about who He is?" What will you do with what you discover?