

# FINDING OURSELVES IN GOD'S STORY

## Intro - Knowing the Story

1. How do you respond to the statement, "Many of us know the stories of scripture, but not the Story of scripture?"

2. Have you ever thought about the Bible as one big story - or is this a new idea for you? How does this change how we read and interpret the Bible?

## "In the beginning God created..."

1. In the opening chapters of Genesis, God is revealed as being intimately involved and invested in the creation of the world. What are the dangers of losing sight of this; of thinking of God as vaguely 'up there' in heaven? \*

2. Why is it so important for Christians to remember that God made all things good (see Genesis 1)? What do you think the apostle Paul means when he says that to deny the goodness of creation is something "taught by demons" (1Timothy 4:1-5)? \*

3. The Bible's account of creation was written in part to argue against pagan myths. How does knowing this help us to understand and apply the first chapters of Genesis? What myths might the Genesis creation story battle against today? Why does this matter? \*

4. In Moses' time, only the Pharaoh/king was thought of as being made in the image of a god. What does it mean for us then that we are all made in God's image? \*

5. How does this understanding of the beginning of the Story need to impact or reshape our understanding of where our Story is heading?

## Praying Together

Turn your conversation to God in prayer. Thank Him for the grace of the creation story, and what it means for our life as a part of this Story. Invite anyone to share any needs or concerns, and pray together for one another.

[\* from "The True Story of the Whole World", by Bartholomew and Goheen]

