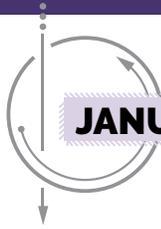




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JANUARY 8: HEAVEN & EARTH

GENESIS 1:1-25

1. Do you believe the Bible is the inerrant Word of God? (inerrant=without error)
What is the foundational truth found in verse 1?
2. Examine the order of God's creation (vs. 1-25), what do you notice about the order?
From the order of creation, what do you learn about God's character?

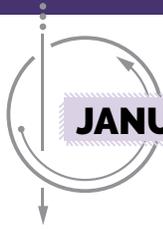
Read 1:21 - 25.

3. What things stand out to you concerning the creation of all "living creatures"?
4. "And God saw that it was good." (1:25b). When you look at all these things God created in the beginning would you say they are good? Why or why not?
5. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. (v.24). Discuss what you believe "according to their kinds" is meant to mean.



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JANUARY 15: MALE & FEMALE

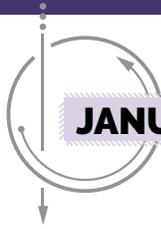
GENESIS 1:26-27

1. Who is the word “us” referring to in verse 26? See John 1:1-3 and Hebrews 1:1-3.
2. What was the purpose for which God created mankind?
3. What does it mean to you that you were created in God’s image?
4. What makes humanity distinct from the living creatures God created (vs. 20-25)?
5. How does our culture define gender today? List the genders that our society recognizes.
6. How do you think God looks at anyone who believes they can and should have the right to alter their gender? How do you think God feels about anyone who dehumanizes another person for their gender, race, or sexual orientation if everyone is created in God’s image?
7. Our mission at SG Church is; we exist to impact the world with the love of Jesus. Part of our vision is: we value every[one] we meet. In what areas of your life do you need to ask God to help you love like Jesus and value others created in God’s image?



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JANUARY 22: PURPOSES & PLANS

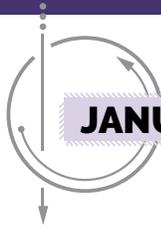
GENESIS 1:28-31; 2:4-17

1. What is the significance of mankind being formed by God? See also, Isaiah 43:1-7; Jeremiah 18:1-11 and Psalm 139.
2. God breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life (v.7), what does that tell you about the relationship God intended for every[one]?
3. What does the word Eden mean? Describe how you envision the garden of Eden to have been like.
4. **Read Psalm 8: 3-9.** Considering all God created for us to care for and have dominion over (1:28), how would you grade mankind's work? In what ways can you and others do better with caring for God's creation?
5. **Read verse 2:16 & 17.** What aspect of God's character is displayed?
6. After hearing the sermon and review of Genesis 2:4-17, what is the purpose of your life? If you are married, as a married couple, how does your marriage demonstrate the purpose with which God created Adam & Eve and then interacted with them?



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JANUARY 29: REST & RELAXATION

GENESIS 2:1-3

1. Why do you think the omnipotent God, who could have spoken the whole of creation into existence in an instant, created everything in six days?
2. How do you define rest? What things do you do to rest from your work?
3. How has your opinion of rest been changed by this passage? What changes might you implement into your life and the life of your family?
4. God set the 7th day to be holy- He set it apart from all other days.
Read Exodus 31:12-17. In addition to resting, why has God given us the Sabbath?
5. What do you think Adam did on the first day of his existence, the 7th day that God rested from his work?
6. **Read Mark 2:27.** What are the benefits of resting on the Sabbath?
7. What different activities of 'serving God through serving others' could be added to your life that would reflect gratitude for God's work of goodness in you? See Isaiah 58:13-14.
8. Who needs your hospitality? What area in your church needs your participation and help?