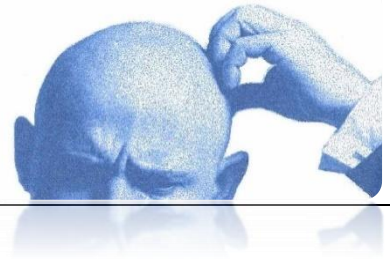


Introduction

Small Group Questions



The following questions are intended to start conversations.

Use only the ones your group finds helpful. Explore others as they come up.

Our preaching series this fall will explore Genesis 1-11 (Origins). Questions will be provided each week to help you think about these stories BEFORE you listen to the sermon. It is our hope that this will encourage your own study and prepare you for the upcoming sermon.

- What do you think about Genesis? In your opinion, are the stories recorded in chapters 1-11 literal, figurative, or something altogether? How do you know?
- Who wrote the book of Genesis? Why was it written?
- Traditionally, Genesis is included in “the Books of Moses.” If this is accurate, these stories would have been recorded during the time of the Exodus. Does this change how we might approach the book of Genesis?
- Consider the following statement of faith: “We believe that all scripture is God-breathed and tells a unified story that points to Jesus. God is trustworthy; therefore, we believe that scripture is trustworthy, inerrant (without error) in all it teaches, and of authority in all matters of faith and practice.” How do you respond to this statement? Is there anything here that you are curious about?
- When you read scripture and come across material you do not understand (or do not agree with), how do you feel? What do you do?
- Rather than viewing Genesis 1-11 primarily (or exclusively) as history, the upcoming sermon series will look at these stories theologically. This section of the Bible introduces the nature of God, creation, identity, sexuality, time, work, evil, and technology. Which of these themes draws you most? Which do you have questions about?

In the coming week you are invited to read Genesis 1-11.

- What stood out to you in these stories?
- Was there anything confusing or troubling?
- Did anything make you think differently about God?
- How might this change the way we live?