



DISCUSSION GUIDE

READ Genesis 1:1

Here are some questions and thoughts to help guide discussion:

1. What do you think of the idea that Genesis 1:1 is a “prologue” to the entire story of the Scriptures? Have you ever thought of it in that way before? Read Psalm 90:2 and Revelation 1:8. How do these verses help support this?
2. In the sermon, Chris asked the question, “What was God doing before the creation of the world?” Have you ever asked this question? How have you answered it?
3. Read these verses: Titus 1:2, 2 Timothy 1:9, Ephesians 1:4, Revelation 17:8, and Acts 13:48. What do these say about what God was doing before creation? What does it mean to say that God was in perfect Trinitarian relationship before creation?
4. How does it make you feel that God planned for you to be saved before He even made you? Does that make you rejoice, or does it make you uncomfortable?
5. Have you ever wondered why God did what He did and is doing what He's doing? How have you answered that question?
6. Read these verses again: Titus 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:9, and John 17:24-26. Who did God make these plans for? What does it mean for our lives that God's plans of redemption are for the glory of Jesus Christ?
7. How does it sit with you knowing that you are a gift from God to Jesus Christ? Is it possible for God to plan our redemption as both a gift for Jesus, and because He loves us?
8. How should/does this affect how you live? Knowing that God loves you and created you as a glorifying gift to Jesus, how will you live your days? Think of specific examples of what you could or will do this week.