

HOME CHURCH SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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GENESIS

In the Beginning - GOD

WARM UP

In what way does knowing the makeup and history of your parents help you understand yourself?

1. In what way does understanding this Genesis passage help you understand your humanity?

Identify the verses that explain the “why” of the universal human experiences listed below.

Discuss the reasons for your choices.

- a) Your awe as you leave the tunnel and first see Yosemite stretched before you_____.
- b) Considering the size and workings of God’s story wristwatch in the heavens on a clear night_____.
- c) Appreciating the farmer’s well-ordered fields, crops, irrigation ditches and canals_____.
- d) Biting into a freshly harvested peach or a grilled steak_____.
- e) Being moved and delighted by the voice of a Bocelli, Aretha Franklin etc._____.
- f) Not giving up until the horse is finally tamed and saddle broke _____.
- g) Instant, automatic, and profound love for the newborn child you gave life to_____.
- h) Feeling so satisfied at a project you completed that your team stops to celebrate it_____.
- i) To erupt in laughter at the surprising turn of a humorous story_____.
- j) To feel the encouraging touch of a friend who sympathizes with our struggle_____.
- k) Being angry at the injustice done to another person_____.
- l) Other _____

2. What do we learn about God from the enormity, variety, details, and purposes of His creation including you? Cf. Psalm 19:1-6, 139:13-14, and Romans 1:18-20 Who is God to you? Is this the type of person you can ask to come into your life and be your assistant?

This is God’s universe, and He does things His way. You may have a better way, but you don't have a universe.

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3. Who are you to God? _____ What differences does this make in your life?

CONCLUDING CHALLENGE

Since you were made to glorify God and enjoy Him forever, what do you need to do to make it happen?

Set a time to stop your activity and intentionally spend time with Him this week just thinking about, talking to, delighting in, and expressing your love, awe and surrender to Him?