



Lesson One: Intro: Why Genesis?

Genesis 1:1-3

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1 ¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

Discussion Questions:

1. What assumptions do you have about the world that might influence your reading of Genesis? How might our study of Genesis challenge these assumptions?
2. What is the primary question that the Biblical story of creation seeks to answer? How is this question different from the questions we often ask about the creation story?
3. What is the doctrine of the Trinity? Why is the doctrine of the Trinity foundational to the story of creation? How Trinitarian is your understanding of God?
4. In what way does believing that God is the creator of all things shape your view of the world and the meaning of life?
5. How was the Spirit of God at work at creation? How is the Spirit of God now at work in our re-creation? (See Romans 8:9-30)
6. Where do we see the work of the Son in Genesis 1:1-3? How does this correspond with John 1:1-5?
7. How does the Son’s work at creation give us hope for the New Creation to come?