

# GENESIS

*God's Creative Call*

**26 STUDIES FOR INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS**



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## The Creation: Our Special Place in the World

*Genesis 1:1—2:3*

Have you ever been involved in a discussion about creation? Do you wonder why it generates so much controversy? This study will help you understand the author's original purpose and what it can mean for us today.

GROUP DISCUSSION. Briefly tell about the most beautiful place you have ever seen. How has that experience increased your appreciation for the Creator?

PERSONAL REFLECTION. Spend some time praising God for his creation.

Like other books in the Bible, Genesis 1 describes natural events in popular and nontechnical language. It reports them as they appear to the average person without explaining exactly *how* they take place. The emphasis is on the *who* and *why*, the Creator and his purposes in creation. *Read Genesis 1:1—2:3.*

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1. As the passage is read, what words and phrases do you find repeated?

2. Describe in your own words how the earth appears at the outset.

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3. In what ways do God's creative commands during the first three days add form to the formless earth (1:3-13)?

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4. How do God's commands during the next three days add fullness to the empty earth (1:14-25)?

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5. In what ways does God view his creation as being good (1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25)?

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6. The creation account reveals that God brings order, beauty and harmony out of an originally chaotic situation. In what areas do you need to trust God to produce these qualities in your life?

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7. What does it mean to be made in the image of God (1:26-27)?

8. What special commands and provisions does God give to the man and woman in his creation (1:28-31)?

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9. How is the seventh day uniquely different from the other six (2:1-3)?

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10. In our culture how can we experience the “rest” described here?

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11. In light of what you have learned about God in this study, how can you reflect his image in practical ways during the next seven days?

*Ask God to continue to teach you what it means to live as one made in his image.*

**Now or Later**

List the various kinds of human creativity—including your own—that reflect God’s creativity. What does this reveal to you about God?

# What should we study next?

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