

Small Group Discussion Guide: The Story – Creation

Key Scripture: Genesis 1:1 — 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.'

Purpose

To explore the relationship between faith and science, deepen confidence in God as Creator, and encourage believers to move from a thoughtful, investigated faith.

Opening Icebreaker

1. What is one place in nature that has left you in awe of God's creation?
2. Have you ever had a question about faith that challenged you or made you dig deeper?

Read Together

Genesis 1:1
Romans 1:20
Hebrews 11:6
1 Corinthians 2:9

Discussion Questions

1. Near-Side Faith vs. Far-Side Faith

What is the difference between near-side faith and far-side faith? Have you experienced a season where your faith was challenged? How did that affect you?

2. Faith and Science

Why do people often feel forced to choose between faith and science? How can science help us appreciate God as Creator?

3. Intelligent Design and Creation

What aspects of creation most convince you that God exists? What role does faith play in understanding creation?

4. Meaning and Purpose

How does believing you were created by God affect your identity? How does it shape your sense of purpose?

5. Becoming Adventurers, Not Tourists

Do you approach your faith more like a tourist or an adventurer? What practical steps can help you grow deeper?

Application Challenge

Choose one: Spend time outdoors thanking God for creation; Read Genesis 1–3 and record observations; Have a respectful conversation about why you believe God created the world; Study a faith question you've always wondered about.

Prayer Time

Pray for confidence in God's Word, wisdom to seek truth, students and families wrestling with faith questions, wonder at God's creation, and courage to share your faith.

Closing Verse

Romans 1:20