

## **Sermon Discussion Guide**

The Gospel in Genesis: Week 1

### **Prayer**

Take a few moments at the beginning and end of your group time to pray for each other and for your discussion in God's Word.

### **Read**

Genesis 1:1-13

### **Main Ideas**

This week, we kicked off a new sermon series focused on the first three chapters in Genesis- what it says, how to understand it, and what we can learn about God, ourselves, and the Gospel from it. Guest speaker John Dickson showed both the sophistication of the writing of the first few verses, and the richness of what they represent.

Scripture begins by showing us who God is- the sole creator of the universe; what creation is- something that matters to God; and who we are- the climax of the creation story.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What are one or two of your favorite memories from 2022? Is there anything you are looking forward to this year?
2. What about the Genesis creation story makes sense to you? Is there anything that you don't understand?
3. Have you ever heard skeptics of Christianity question the Genesis creation account?
  - a. What kind of questions have they asked?
  - b. How should we respond?
4. What attributes of God do we see in our passage?
5. Knowing that all creation matters to God, what responsibility do we have in caring for the world around us?
6. Unlike other accounts of creation, human beings are seen as the pinnacle of God's work.
  - a. What about that is good news?
  - b. What does it show us about the way God sees us?