

THE STORY

THE BIBLE AS ONE CONTINUING STORY OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

CHAPTER 1 – CREATION: THE BEGINNING OF LIFE AS WE KNOW IT

DISCUSSION OF GENERAL QUESTIONS

- ❶ What is God saying?
- ❷ For what does this section lead me to give thanks? (See God’s grace and promises!)
- ❸ What sins does this section lead me to confess? (See God’s expectations for his people)
- ❹ For what does this section lead me to pray? (As you ponder the Word, what needs of heart and life for yourself and others come to mind? Consider every word you read as an invitation to turn it into a prayer you speak back to your Lord!)

DIGGING IN

- 1) Chapter 1 covers the first chapters of Genesis. The word “Genesis” means “origin.” Describe the different origins found in this chapter. Comment on their significance.

- 2) God created all things by the power of his Word. What he did cannot be repeated, tested, or even fully comprehended by our finite minds. **Hebrews 11:3** says, “By faith we understand that the universe was formed at Gods command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.” How does this help us respond when people criticize or ridicule us for our belief in the Creation account found in Genesis?

- 3) After God had created all things he said that it was very good. He created Adam and Eve in his image. All that God had made was in perfect harmony with him. Everything changed after sin entered the world. Compare the following relationships before and after sin's entrance:
- ✓ God and mankind
 - ✓ Adam and Eve (human relationships)
 - ✓ Mankind and the rest of creation
- 4) The Flood is a key event in the history of our world and in the history of God's plan of salvation. How is this account both a demonstration of God's mercy and his judgment?

FOR NEXT TIME

Chapter 2: God Builds a Nation

Bible Reference: Genesis 12-13; 15-17; 21-22; 32-33; 35; Romans 4; Hebrews 11