

# THE STORY

## FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

### Chapter 1

#### “Creation- The Beginning of Life as We Know It”

**STEP ONE:** Tell the Story... Recap what you heard or read this week.

*First:* Encourage someone who thinks they can recite the main points of the narrative, to do so, out loud for the group. This helps you recall the Story

*Second:* Take turns, one person at a time, a sentence or two at a time, telling the story again. YES, again. Revisiting God's Story a couple of times allows the Holy Spirit to write it on our hearts, not just in our heads. If someone skips something, feel free to help them, but getting every detail right is not the main goal of storytelling.

**STEP TWO:** Talk about what you saw in the Story

- 1) The Creation story is not shared to tell us HOW God created, but rather a WOW that God IS Creator. It's told FOR us, not TO us. What did you learn about God in this story? Who is God according to this story?
- 2) What did God DO to reveal WHO He is and WHAT He is like?



- 3) Where did you see yourself in this story? What do you learn about men & women in this story?
- 4) Even though this is long before the Gospel of Jesus, where do you see the presence or need for the Gospel in this Story? Where do we see the "Good News" that is the thread, all throughout Scripture, preparing Creation for Jesus? Do you see that thread here?
- 5) Did you learn something new through reading, listening to, dialogue about, or hearing the message of this story Sunday?
- 6) Obedience in belief or action to God is the fruit of a disciple. Do you feel led by God to obey Him in either belief or action in some way as a result of your takeaway from this Story?

### **STEP THREE: Close in Prayer**

Encourage one another with insights shared that stuck out to each of you. Perhaps something someone said in a way you never heard, or thought about before. Share that. And then pray over each other in **THREE** specific ways.

- D) Thank God for His Story and the insights His Holy Spirit led you to, in your time together.
- E) Pray over each other's "next step" obedience observations. For courage to obey with **ACTION** the step God is calling you to take, or for faith to consistently **BELIEVE** something about who God is, what He can do, or about who you truly are.
- F) Identify by name, at least one person, God has in your life right now that you know needs to hear His Story of love for them. And any other prayer request.