

# IN THE BEGINNING

FEBRUARY 5  
DISCUSSION GUIDE

## Sermon Outline

### Key verse

*Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

Psalm 90:2

### The story of creation teaches us about God

#### 1. God is the all-powerful Creator

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

Genesis 1:1

#### 2. God is King over chaos

*Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*

Genesis 1:2

#### 3. God's creation has a purpose

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

Genesis 1:27

## CREATION: GENESIS 1-2

### Opening Thought

There is one true God, and he is the author of all creation. God brings order, function, and beauty out of the dark, watery chaos by creating all things, including a magnificent garden and humankind, made in his image. We are called to reflect the Creator's creativity, goodness, and character in the world.

### Ice breakers

- Can you name the 7 Wonders of the World?
- What did you like to create when you were a kid?

### Dig Deeper

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- List the things God calls "good" among his creation from Genesis 1.
- What does creation reveal about our God?
- What does it mean that God exists outside of time? Can we understand this fully? Why or why not? Does this offer any promises or understanding for your future?
- Where do you see each member of the trinity in the creation story?
- Did Jesus play a role in creation? (see John 1:1-3, 14 and Hebrews 1:1-3)
- How does the fact that God is all-powerful impact your life?
- Humanity is meant to reflect the creativity, goodness, and character of God in the world. How can we as followers of Jesus be more intentional in this mandate?

### Closing

God speaks and things spring into being and into life. And everything is now held together by his authority and for his glory. How will you listen for his voice this week?

Spend time considering God's amazing creation. What do you find astounding? Choose to worship our Creator God for his might, power, and beauty.