

REFLECTIONS

Fall Teaching Series Group Guide

Week 1 – September 11 “Creator’s Glory”

“God’s glory is both epic and amazing! Join us in our new series *Reflections*, as we experience how God’s glory and awe are repeatedly revealed throughout the Bible.”

Read Overview Together - (adapted from the Bible Project’s Genesis Overview)

The first book of the Bible, Genesis, begins as Creator God takes the disorder and darkness and brings out order, beauty and goodness making the world where life can flourish. God then creates humans (Hebrew “ADAM”) in his image, which has to do with their role and purpose in this world. Humans are created to be “reflections” of God’s glory and character out into the world. Humans are appointed representatives of God’s rule on His behalf. God blesses them, giving them a garden, a place where they begin to build on to His new world for His glory.

Watch here: (7minutes 31 sec.) <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/genesis-1/>

Read Together- Genesis 1:1-2.

- Discuss Genesis 1:1 – “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth”. How is God bringing order and purpose in this first verse? How does the Bible story continue to develop God’s order and purpose beyond Genesis? (through the law, the prophets, wisdom, Jesus, the Kingdom, the Church)
- Discuss Genesis 1:2-27 – What does God create each day that demonstrates His glory?

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- Read Genesis 1:28-31 – In what ways can we continue to look to God’s creation glory to reflect and reveal his presence, purpose and order in our everyday lives? How does the repeated phrase “it was good” reflect God’s glory in His creation and in our lives?

A Practice for Growth: This week notice how you are naturally drawn to God’s creation glory in ways that add meaning and purpose to God’s presence with you. Take one day (Sabbath Rest) to celebrate with God by resting from your work. How can you create a weekly rhythm of Sabbath rest to reflect and enjoy God’s glory and presence, bringing meaning to your life, relationships, and work?