

The **Call** of God
The **Response**
of the Faithful

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Genesis 1
The Creation Mission of God

The power of God is present at all places, even in the tiniest leaf... God is currently and personally present in the wilderness, in the garden, and in the field. —Martin Luther

*God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And . . . he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.
—Genesis 1:32; 2:2*

To Get Started . . .

In what ways did you get to enjoy God's creation this summer?
If you did not know God, what aspect of creation would speak loudest to you of his existence?

Read Genesis 1

Answer the following questions by referring to specific verses.

What do we learn about God from this scripture? John gave us two key points. What were these? Anything else?

How do you respond to these characteristics of God?

What do we learn about who we are from this scripture?

How does this knowledge reinforce or challenge your current understanding of who you are?

What does God call us to in this scripture?

To what extent does this call impact your daily activities?

Apply It

How might this passage challenge your measure of success or what you define as well done or good?

Look back over the past week. For how many days can you say that what you did that day was good? Share some examples where you were able to create something or bring goodness.

On a scale of 1 to 10 how difficult is it for you to identify your daily work with God's work? Explain.

Pray Together!

Have each person share about a place of chaos in their life or in the life of someone they care about. Pray for each person and situation asking God to bring goodness there. Consider ways the group or individuals can be creators with God to turn this chaos into goodness.

Close by reading Psalm 100

Live It

- Begin each day this week by reading a Psalm of Praise as a way of acknowledging God's good works and as a reminder to join him. (Suggestions: Psalm 8, 34, 63, 96, 100, 107, 139, 147, 150)
- Identify one thing at the end of each day this week to which you can say "That was good." Thank God for this accomplishment and allow it to give you the freedom to truly rest until tomorrow.