

BEGINNING THE RIGHT STORY

Life Group Questions | Sunday, October 8, 2017

When did you first hear the story in Genesis 1-3?

Read Genesis 1:1. What is in your mind's eye as you read this verse?

What do you think the original hearers (3000 years ago!) pictured as they engaged this text?

Read the following passages and discuss the five foundational worldview questions. How do you think the ancient Israelites would have made sense of this story?

Genesis 1:1-31.

- *Who is God?* What is the nature and purpose of God?
- *Where are we?* What is real in the world where we find ourselves?
- *Who are we?* What is the nature and purpose of human beings?

Genesis 3:1-24.

- *What's wrong?* How do we account for evil and pain?
- *What's the solution?* What hope is there for a better future?

Re-read Genesis 1:26-28. What does it mean to be made in the image of God? What does that tell us about our purpose?

How does the story in Genesis 1-3 shape your sense of reality and meaning today?

Pray with one another. Close with the lyrics from Gungor's, *Beautiful Things*:

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of the dust

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of us.