

# THE WAY FORWARD: SEEKING BEAUTY

*Life Group Questions | Sunday, September 27, 2020*

What beautiful thing did you see this past week? How did that impact you?

**Read Genesis 1:1-27.** What can you learn about God through this passage? What phrase is repeated?

The Hebrew word for “good” is *tov*. A more thorough translation of *tov* is “well-crafted, working as it is supposed to work, beautiful.” The word and concept of *tov* is a central theme of scripture.

How might this broader understanding of *tov* shape how you understand Genesis 1? How about the gospel—the *tov* news?

**Read Psalm 34:8.** What does it mean to taste and see that the Lord is *tov*?

**Read Ecclesiastes 3:11.** Beauty is otherworldly. It stirs hope and longing in us. Have you experienced this before? How so?

**Read Isaiah 61:1-3a.** How does the claim that beauty can emerge from suffering land with you? Has that proven true in your life? Where do you ache for beautiful redemption in your story?

The practice for this week is to notice beauty. How will you engage that practice this week?

**Pray together.** Close by reading the following prayer by Mako Fujimura:

*Thank you for this beauty. I receive it into my soul. And with it I receive you, in it, by it, through it — your love, your goodness, your life.*