



# GENESIS





# WELCOME

## IN THE BEGINNING...

Everything has an origin.

As we enter our teaching series, Genesis, where we go back to the beginning of everything to explore where it all came from and why, we've provided this growth guide to give you a weekly primer to the upcoming week's message so you'll have a foundation of reflection and understanding on Sunday morning.

This growth guide is designed to be used together as a Christ-centered community. As you are doing that week's exercise, so will your small group and your fellow body that gathers together on Sundays.

We don't want you to feel discouraged if you miss a week! We've designed this growth guide to be able to jump in on any week and follow along with the message. If you do happen to let a week go by without doing the reading, we encourage you to come to church and hear the message anyway, and to pick up the following week's reading.

## HOW DO YOU ENGAGE IN GENESIS WITH US?

The Order of activities to fully maximize your experience:

1. Work on this **GROWTH GUIDE**. Read, reflect, and write for the week to come.
2. Attend our Sunday **GATHERING** and listen to the message related to the content you just completed in the guide the week before.
3. Connect with your small **GROUP** in how to live out what you've learned and experienced through our Doing Life Together Discussion (available in our Sunday programs in person or at [ctk.church/NorthBay/Genesis](http://ctk.church/NorthBay/Genesis)).





# INTRODUCTION TO GENESIS

## TITLE/AUTHOR

Genesis is called the Book of Beginnings or Book of Origins. The ancient Hebrews called the book Bereshith, meaning "In the beginning," which are the first words of the text. It is also sometimes referred to as the "First Book of Moses."

## PURPOSE

The Book of Genesis chronicles the creation of the universe, the world, humankind, and all other forms of life. As the Book of Beginnings, it reveals the ageless plan within God's heart to have a people of His very own, set apart and made holy to worship Him, and further foreshadows His redemptive plan through Jesus to "the saving of many lives" (Genesis 50:21).

## THEMES

The Book of Genesis sets the stage for the rest of Scripture. Without the foundation of Genesis, the remainder of the Bible would fail to make sense.

The main theme of Genesis is beginnings. The book recounts the origins of the Heavens and Earth, of all created things, of the human family, of God's covenant relationship with humans, of sin, of redemption, of nations, of languages, and of God's chosen people of Israel.

Genesis teaches us about the problem of sin and God's plan of salvation. It reveals the character of God and his relentless pursuit to restore the broken fellowship between human beings and himself.

The stories in Genesis reveal the nature of God as Creator and Redeemer, the value of human life (created in God's image and for His purpose), the terrible consequences of disobedience and sin (separating man from God), and the wonderful promise of salvation and forgiveness through the coming Messiah.



# THE WEEKS

## Weekly Growth Guide Instructions

### BIBLE READING

Read the assigned chapters in Genesis for the week.

*PLEASE NOTE: Some weeks have more chapters than others to read, so plan accordingly.*

### REFLECTION AND JOURNALING

After reading, reflect and engage your head, heart, and hands.

#### 1. HEAD - *What did the Bible text say?*

Give a summary of what you read and any observations you found interesting enough to jot down.

#### 2. HEART - *What does it mean to me?*

What personal thoughts did you have? How does it make you feel like God may have spoken to or challenged you?

#### 3. HANDS - *What do I do with it now?*

Do you feel convicted after reading and reflecting? What specific action step(s) do you feel led to accomplish this week? Be prepared to share with your small group what you got out of your personal growth time.

### GROUP TIME

The following is a sample of a weekly small group outline:

- Connection and Fellowship; spend time catching up and enjoying each other's company that can include food if you wish.
- Share your personal Growth Guide experience from the previous week.
- Discuss the Bible reading that was assigned or use the weekly Doing Life Together guide.
- Preview Reading Plan in Growth Guide next week
- Pray for one another.

**So, let us begin...**







# WEEK 1

## GENESIS CHAPTER 1-2

### REFLECT AND WRITE

1. HEAD - *What did the Bible text say?*

2. HEART - *What does it mean to me?*

3. HANDS - *What do I do with it now?*

### GROUP TIME

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### PRAYER NEEDS





# WEEK 2

## GENESIS CHAPTER 3-4

### REFLECT AND WRITE

1. HEAD - *What did the Bible text say?*

2. HEART - *What does it mean to me?*

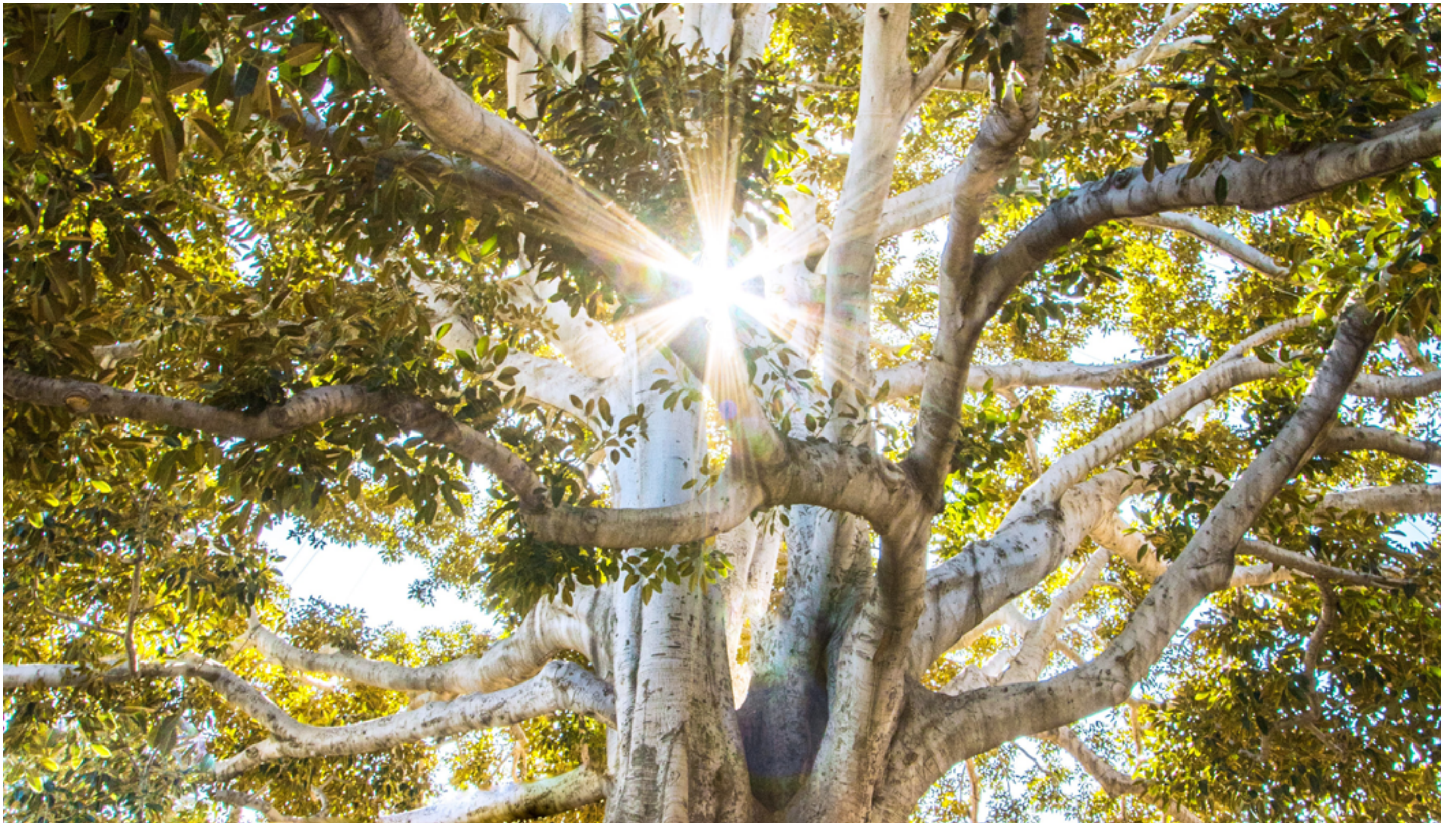
3. HANDS - *What do I do with it now?*

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### PRAYER NEEDS





# WEEK 3

## GENESIS CHAPTER 5-9

### REFLECT AND WRITE

1. HEAD - *What did the Bible text say?*

2. HEART - *What does it mean to me?*

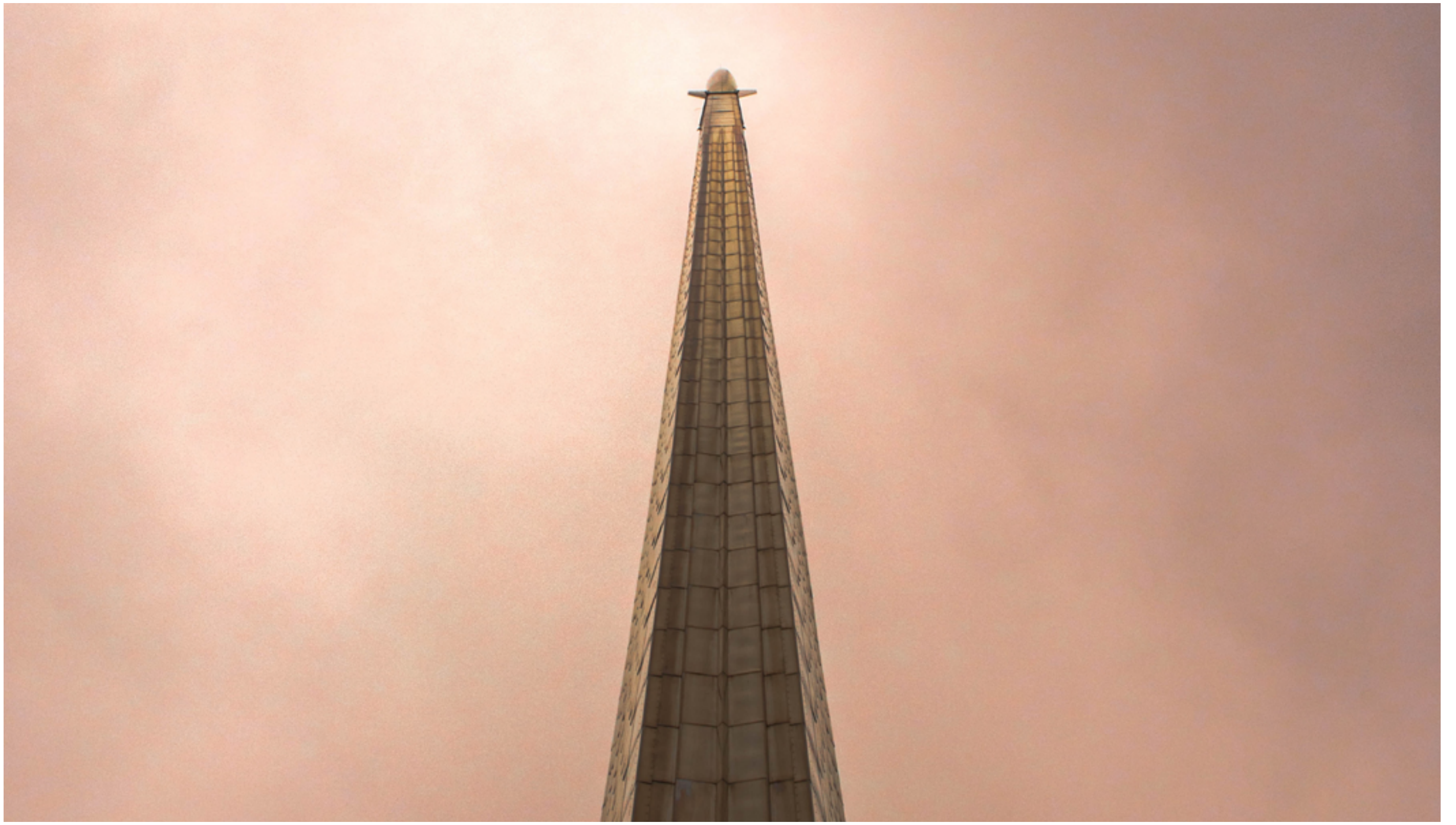
3. HANDS - *What do I do with it now?*

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### PRAYER NEEDS





# WEEK 4

## GENESIS CHAPTER 10-11

### REFLECT AND WRITE

1. HEAD - *What did the Bible text say?*

2. HEART - *What does it mean to me?*

3. HANDS - *What do I do with it now?*

### GROUP TIME

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### PRAYER NEEDS





# WEEK 5

## GENESIS CHAPTER 12-15

### REFLECT AND WRITE

1. HEAD - *What did the Bible text say?*

2. HEART - *What does it mean to me?*

3. HANDS - *What do I do with it now?*

### GROUP TIME

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### PRAYER NEEDS





# WEEK 6

## GENESIS CHAPTER 16-20

### REFLECT AND WRITE

1. HEAD - *What did the Bible text say?*

2. HEART - *What does it mean to me?*

3. HANDS - *What do I do with it now?*

### GROUP TIME

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### PRAYER NEEDS





# WEEK 7

## GENESIS CHAPTER 21-27

### REFLECT AND WRITE

1. HEAD - *What did the Bible text say?*

2. HEART - *What does it mean to me?*

3. HANDS - *What do I do with it now?*

### GROUP TIME

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### PRAYER NEEDS





# WEEK 8

## GENESIS CHAPTER 28-36

### REFLECT AND WRITE

1. HEAD - *What did the Bible text say?*

2. HEART - *What does it mean to me?*

3. HANDS - *What do I do with it now?*

### GROUP TIME

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### PRAYER NEEDS





# WEEK 9

## GENESIS CHAPTER 37-50

### REFLECT AND WRITE

1. HEAD - *What did the Bible text say?*

2. HEART - *What does it mean to me?*

3. HANDS - *What do I do with it now?*

### GROUP TIME

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### PRAYER NEEDS



# THE END...IS JUST THE BEGINNING.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

You made it all the way through the Book of Genesis.

Take a look back through what you've written over the weeks. Reflect on the revelations you've been given through the Holy Spirit in careful meditation of Scripture. If you missed a week here or there, feel free to go through that week's assigned reading on your own and fill in the **HEAD, HEART, and HANDS** sections for those weeks.

Look back over your **PRAYER NEEDS** and ask yourself: "Has God answered my prayers yet? Which ones am I still waiting for?" Continue to press into prayer for those needs, as God has promised to hear us when we speak to Him.

Take it at your pace, but we do encourage you to finish the entire book of Genesis...there is a lot to cover, but there is also a lot that God has to tell you through it!

We sincerely hope you were able to gain some profound and memorable experiences with the Lord through your engagement with the practices in this growth guide. May God bless you in your walk together.

## THANK YOU FOR GROWING WITH US!

*"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing."*

Genesis 12:2





An abstract painting featuring a vibrant, swirling sky in shades of blue and green, with a bright, glowing sun or moon at the center. Below the sky, rolling hills are depicted in warm, earthy tones of yellow, orange, and brown, with some darker, purplish-brown areas suggesting shadows or different vegetation. The overall style is expressive and textured, with visible brushstrokes and a sense of movement.

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