

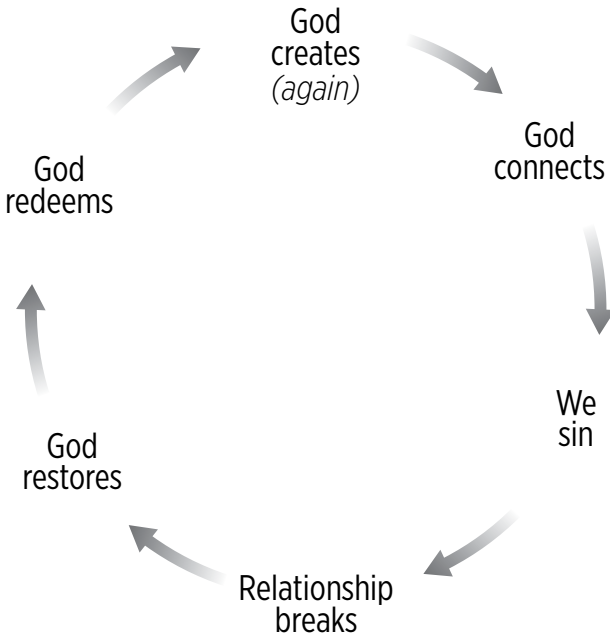
GENESIS

THE BEGINNING OF GOD'S RELENTLESS PLAN

Part 2: Created for Connection | June 17 & 18, 2017

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The Cycle of Relationship Between God and Man



Our Belief at Christ the King: God is Creator

Words That Give Us a Better View of God

1. Spirit (*Genesis 1:2*)
2. Light (*Genesis 1:3*)
3. Good (*Genesis 1:12*)
4. Life (*Creation days 4, 5, 6*)

Day 6: We are reflections of God—image bearers

New Testament passages that proclaim who God is:

John 4:24 says, “God is spirit”

1 John 1:5 claims, “God is light”

Mark 10:18 reads, “God is good”

John 6:35 says, “God is life”

There are not just six days of creation; there are seven (and this matters)!

Humankind is not the point of creation

The point of creation is that God wants to connect with us.

God is the pinnacle of the creation story!

According to ancient cultures, a god rested in his temple

God wants to be with his creation.

1 John 4: God is Love.

The creation story is really a story of love.

How this view of the Creation Story Changes Us

It makes us appreciate what has been created even more.

Challenge: Go spend time in creation

We find freedom from false narratives.

False Narrative 1: Nobody gets me

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. – Psalm 139:13-14

False Narrative 2: You don't know what's happened to me or what I've done

Don't let shame prevent you from forgiving yourself (or others)

Goodness comes from God—it's not manufactured by us

Small Group Questions

- 1) For the last two weeks both Grant and Todd have approached the creation story from pastorally rather than scientifically. What have you learned?
- 2) Read Genesis 1 through 2:3. As you read, listen for who God is. Be prepared to talk about God's characteristics after your finish reading the chapter out loud.
- 3) What part of creation gets your imagination going? Discuss.
- 4) Reread the first three verses of chapter 2. Considering what God does there, what do you think he's signaling to us? Do you do that?
- 5) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?