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ORCHARD ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BIBLE FOR ALL (BFA) MATERIAL FOR SMALL GROUPS DISCUSSION

Genesis – Living in Redemptive Grace

Sermon Series

03 April 2022	Genesis 1:1-2; John 1:1-3	In the Beginning
24 April 2022	Genesis 1:3-2:3	God Created Everything



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Genesis 1:1-2; John 1:1-3

In the Beginning

What are some different explanations you have heard about how the world came to be?

OBSERVATION AND INTERPRETATION

Read Genesis 1:1-2.

1. Genesis 1:1 serves as a title-introduction to Genesis as well as to the whole Bible. What assertion does it make about God and the world?
2. How is creation described at the beginning? (v.2)
3. Beginnings come with endings – what does this beginning tell us about who is in control of the ending? (cf. Isa 46:8-11)

Read John 1:1-3.

4. Compare John 1:1-3 with Gen 1:1-2. What similarities or differences do you see?
5. Taking John 1:1-3 and Gen 1:1-2 together: what is John saying about the Word of God?

PUTTING IT TOGETHER

6. What is the key message of Genesis 1:1-2?
7. How we understand the world around us changes how we live. What difference does it make when we understand the world as being created by God, versus when we understand the world as an accident, or when we understand the world as the result of a fight between gods?

APPLICATION

8. God is eternal, before time, and the Creator of everything. What implications does this have on how we live?

REFLECTION

Write down a key lesson and a key verse from this study.

How should we pray and change in response to what we have learnt?

DISCIPLESHIP IN COMMUNITY

- **Commit:** Share with your group one way that you will intentionally enjoy God as the Creator in the next two weeks.

PRAY FOR ORPC – FELLOWSHIPS (M2W)

- Pray that our M2W will be a platform for our ladies to seek the Lord and grow in their personal and corporate walks with Him.
- Pray that our M2W will be a safe place for our ladies to share one another's joys and struggles, and to support one another in prayer and with encouragement.

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Genesis 1:3-2:3

God Created Everything

Have you ever been inside a place of worship aside from churches? How was it designed?

OBSERVATION AND INTERPRETATION

1. Genesis was written by Moses (i.e. many, many years after the events of Genesis). What genre of literature does Genesis belong to? What does this mean for how we read Genesis?
2. What repeated words/phrases do you see in Gen 1:3-2:3? What do these tell us about God and about creation?
3. Summarise the order of creation as presented in Gen 1:3-2:3 in the table below:

Title:		Title:	
Day 1		Day 4	
Day 2		Day 5	
Day 3		Day 6	
Day 7			

4. Read Genesis 1:3-13. God separates light from darkness, and separates the waters above from the waters below, and gathers the waters below so that dry land appears. What is the purpose of all this work?
5. Read Genesis 1:4-31. God fills the heavens, waters (skies and seas), and land with movement and life. And on the sixth day, God created mankind. What are the ways in which the creation of mankind is different from the creation of other life? What is the purpose of humanity in God's creation?

6. Read Genesis 2:1-3. What makes the seventh day different from the other days? What does this tell you about the purpose of creation?

PUTTING IT TOGETHER

7. Gen 1:3-2:3 asserts that God created everything, and everything (time, sky, sea, land, life) responds to His command. Each of these were deified (worshipped as gods) by the peoples of the Ancient Near East. What do you think is the point being made by the creation account in Gen 1:3-2:3?
8. Consider what modern society worships today (fame, money, fate, education etc.). What does Gen 1:3-2:3 have to say about all of these?

APPLICATION

9. How do we view the world around us? Compare the way we see the world to God's account of creation and evaluation of creation. Given what we read in Gen 1:3-2:3, what should change in our perspective of creation and its purpose?
10. Do you observe a Sabbath day? If you do, share with your group what you do on that day. How does this relate to what happens on the seventh day according to Gen 2:1-3?

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DISCIPLESHIP IN COMMUNITY

- **Reflect and Share:** Consider whether your current rest practices are aligned to taking part in God's rest. Share with your group your reflections, and any changes you plan to make. Ask them to keep you accountable for the changes you intend to make.
- **Discuss:** Talk to your group about what it means for us to be stewards of God's creation. As a group, commit to action to take care of God's creation (e.g. volunteering with Habitat for Humanity together, cutting down on waste generation, etc.)

PRAY FOR ORPC – FELLOWSHIPS (SSF)

- Pray that our SSF will be a platform for building a living faith for the seniors at ORPC.
- Pray that God will draw each Sunshiner into a closer fellowship with Him.