



Week One – CREATION: The Goodness of God

CONNECT

- Have you ever worked on a project and received zero credit for it? How did this make you feel?
- Have you ever created something you were proud of, how did it make it you feel?
- Have you ever done something you were not suppose to do? What happened?
- Have you been in a situation where you had the option knowing to do good or bad? Which one did you pick? Why?

WORD

"⁷Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." **Genesis 2:7–9 (NIV)**

"¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die." **Genesis 2:15–17 (NIV)**

THOUGHT

God has a plan. And even when Man sinned in the garden of Eden, God had his son, Jesus Christ ready to redeem his creation. When bad things happen in your life, know that God is sovereign and in control. In Romans 8:28 and Genesis 50:20, God promises that when disaster hits our lives, we will see God's hand of provision, God's hand of protection, and God's hand of guidance.

DISCUSSION

1. Why do you think God created earth?

- God enjoys his work
 - God has quite an imagination
 - God loves order
 - God can make something from nothing
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2. In the account of the creation found in Genesis 1, God spends seven days cultivating the earth. What is your first impression of the seven days of creation?

3. After God spent time creating the earth, why do you think God created man? For what purpose?

4. In verse 16 of the second chapter of Genesis, God tells man he is *'free to eat from any tree in the garden.'* Why do you think God created man with free will?

5. Do you think that God was tempting Adam & Eve when He said to them, *'but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die'*? Genesis 2:17 (NIV)

6. Genesis describes Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden in this way, *'Adam and his wife were both naked and they felt no shame.'* Genesis 2:25 (NIV) Why do you think Adam and Eve were both naked and unashamed?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- This week spend time realizing that everything around you is created by God, begin by thanking Him for all that He has done and continues to do in and through your life
- Take time to reflect on your individual purpose. Why did God create you? What purpose does your life have?
- Take time to reflect on how God prepared the way for Jesus to enter into your life

PRAYER

- Where do you need more creativity in your life? Ask God to unleash His creativity in you.
- Pray for the needs of the people in your neighborhood, work place, school, family, and the nation.
- Ask God to show you ways to serve in your community.
- If you know the reason for which God created you (life purpose), ask God for his help in fulfilling that purpose.
- If you don't know your life purpose, ask God to reveal it to you.

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