



SMALL GROUP STUDY

The Beginning

The Bible sweeps from eternity past to the eternity future. In the book of Genesis we travel back to the very beginning. The beginning of creation, the beginning of sin, the beginning of God's remedy to sin, the beginning of government and of family, and the beginning of the nation of Israel.

The Formation of the Universe (Genesis 1-2)

God created a perfect balance of sun, shade, axis tilt and rotation. Anything other than this perfect balance and we would all be toast or a popsicle! This perfect balance speaks of a master designer.

Discussion Questions:

- a. What is some of the evidence you see that speaks of a master designer?
- b. What was the one thing that God said was not good? Why do you think He said that?

The Fall of Man (Genesis 3-5)

God gave Adam and Eve only one negative command. They could eat from every tree. But, they were not to eat of only one tree. "You eat it, you die." The serpent talked with Eve and told her that she wouldn't die if she ate it. He got her to take a second look, to question God's word. Eve saw, took, ate and gave. Adam ate and he got blamed.

Discussion Questions:

- a. Who was the serpent?
- b. How does 1 John 2:15-17 coincide with Genesis 3:6?

The Flood on the Earth (Genesis 6-9)

By modern calculations it is believed that there were a billion plus people on the Earth at the time of the flood. The Lord saw that the wickedness of man and the very thoughts of their hearts were evil continually. Then He was sorry that He had created them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. The waters from rain and from the subterranean permeated all the Earth. Even the mountains were covered and everything on the dry land died.

Discussion Questions:

- a. How many days was the flood on the earth?

The Fallout from Rebellion (Genesis 10-11)

After the flood God told Noah and his three sons to spread out and populate the Earth. Instead they coalesced, they built a super tower to the heavens in rebellion to God. So the Lord confused their language and scattered them all over the Earth. You could think of the Bible as a tale of two cities, Babylon and the New Jerusalem. We all have a choice, the city of God or the city of Man.

Discussion Questions:

- a. What was the name of the tower they built?
- b. What was the meaning of the word Babel?
- c. Which city do you want to live in? What decision can you make today to insure your place of residence?