



GENESIS GROUP GUIDE

SCRIPTURE DEVOTION

Read the week's text aloud giving a few minutes for reflection & prayer.

SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS

- We will be diving into more specific questions throughout the book of Genesis; however, this week, we want to focus our attention on the main character, God. Because the main character of Genesis 1 is God, the main point of Genesis 1 is that the listener would begin to see who God is through his work of creation.
 - What attributes of God stand out to you in this chapter? *(Consider reading the chapter again in light of this question. Encourage group members to listen for repeated words, phrases, or ideas. Have them jot down anything that piques their interest.)*
 - Why do you think a deepening understanding of these attributes would be necessary for the Israelites then and for us today? *(Note: Moses is sharing this story with the Israelites who have been freed from slavery to Egypt, wandering in the desert, and are looking towards a pagan occupied promised land. They have sworn faithfulness to God, but time and time again turned to themselves & idols for comfort, grumbling and questioning God's faithfulness to them.)*
 - In what ways does the Genesis 1 account of God's character differ from society's ideas of him?
 - Whether consciously or unconsciously, have you adopted any of our culture's ideas about God's character rather than what he has revealed about himself in Genesis 1?
 - Which ideas? Why do you think that idea was appealing to you?
 - Which attribute or character trait of God that you or someone in your group has described have you had difficulty understanding, believing is true, or trusting in this week? *(For example, maybe you have experienced suffering, so seeing that God is sovereign over all things causes questions or pain when thinking about His sovereignty in your suffering.)*
 - We can so clearly observe God's transcendence (supremacy, distinction, preeminence) in Genesis 1. This should cause worship and gratitude in our hearts. However, sometimes God's transcendence and his immutable attributes can be difficult to wrap our heads around.
 - Read John 14:8-11
 - Read John 16:7
 - Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - We can know, love, trust, and obey God more deeply by looking to Christ in his word by the power of his Holy Spirit. All three given joyfully to God's children. How has pursuing this relationship with Christ gone this week? How do you think we can, as group members, encourage and help keep each other's eyes fixed on him this week?

MISSION

We want to be intentional in our everyday lives to have gospel conversations with people that don't know Jesus. These people God has placed in our path are not projects, but friends, friends we long to see have the hope and joy of Christ! Have each group member choose one person they are going to pray for and initiate conversations with about Jesus. Each week, follow up:

- Were they able to share the gospel with them, encourage them, or pray with them this week?
- How can the group pray for the group member? How can the group pray for the person they are walking with?
- What is one next step they can take with this person? Can they ask them to church? To come to community group? Read the Bible together? Etc.

ONE ANOTHERS & PRAYER

- Spend time in confession & prayer for those who have shared areas of disbelief, wrong beliefs, sin, etc. during discussion time.
- Consider checking in on life (ex. relationship with Christ (prayer & word), their marriages/singleness, children, etc.)
- If you have more time or separate time for men & women choose 1-2 questions below for accountability time or create your own.
- Have group members share prayer requests.

ONE-ANOTHERING QUESTIONS

Knowing the members of your group, and having heard about their week, choose 1-2 questions for your time of confession, encouragement, & prayer. We have gathered these questions from various resources, so feel free to jump around this document or come up with your own questions to best serve your group.

- Have you been a testimony this week to the greatness of Jesus Christ with both your words and actions?
- Have you been exposed to sexually alluring material or allowed your mind to entertain inappropriate thoughts about someone who is not your spouse this week?
- Have you lacked any integrity in your financial dealings this week, or coveted something that does not belong to you?
- Have you been honoring, understanding and generous in your important relationships this past week?
- Have you damaged another person by your words, either behind their back or face-to-face?
- Have you given in to an addictive behavior this week? Explain.
- Have you continued to remain angry toward another?
- Have you secretly wished for another's misfortune so that you might excel?
- Did you finish your reading this week and hear from the Lord? What are you going to do about it?
- Did you spend significant time with God through His Word, prayer, quiet time, devotions, and other spiritual disciplines? How consistent? Is He your driving force?
- What blocks your growth in Christ? What blocks growth, in your other relationships, from becoming more mature and effectual?
- Have you faithfully served the Lord, His people, and the lost?
- Did you go and participate in church activities and worship this week? How so? Why not?
- Have you made your family a priority? What noteworthy activity or deed did you do for your spouse and/or family?
- How have you struggled with sin? What are the sins that have weighed down your walk with God this week?
- What did you do to enhance your relationship with your spouse/friends? What can you do to make that relationship better?
- In what ways has God blessed you this week? How have you shared your blessings?
- What disappointments did you face? Did they consume your thoughts? What did you do about it? What can you learn?
- Have you committed any sexual sin? Did you look at someone lustfully? Have you been alone in a compromising situation? Have you been flirtatious? Have you struggled with pornography or "romance novels?" Have you exposed yourself to any sexually oriented material? Did you put yourself in a situation with anyone that could appear to be compromising, even though it may not have been?
- Have you shared your faith? In what ways? How can you improve? Have you had an opportunity to share with a non-Christian?
- How well are you handling your finances right now? Have your financial dealings been questionable?
- Have you been trustworthy? Have you lied? Stolen? Cheated? Been dishonest or manipulative? Have you elevated yourself over another for your own personal agenda? What about your language and attitude?
- Have you been prideful? Have you been guilty of gossip or anger? Slandered? Shown indifference? Been greedy? Not controlled your tongue?
- Have you demonstrated a servant's heart? How so? What have you done for someone else this week?
- Did you struggle with a disappointment this week? How did you handle it?
- Have you respected and treated your classmates, co-workers and peers graciously by showing them compassion and the love of God in your words and deeds? What can you do to enhance your relationships here?
- How is your level of character, according to the comparison of Gal. 5:22-23 versus Gal. 5:19-21?
- How did you practice joy this week? Have you had a thankful attitude toward God? Have you struggled with anger toward God? How so? What can you do about it?
- Have you taken care of the temple of the Holy Spirit with rest, sleep, exercise, healthy eating, etc? What about addictions, gluttony, or substance abuse?
- Have you been honest while answering these questions? If not, how so? If not, why?
- How can we support you as a group?