

# BEGINNINGS

A STUDY OF GENESIS 1-11

WEEKLY WORSHIP TOOLS

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# PURPOSE AND SUGGESTED USE

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Crosspoint Church has set out to produce an issue of *Weekly Worship Tools* for the encouragement and resourcing of our church body each week. Each Saturday, this guide is published with the hope that it will aid you in being transformed by the gospel and living daily on mission.

This document is structured in two categories: weekend resources and weekday resources. Sundays we gather for Corporate Worship and sit under the teaching of the Word of God as we fellowship together. The first guide listed in the Table of Contents below, "Prepare for Worship," is produced to stir our meditation on the passage to be preached, causing us to prepare our hearts for the message on Sunday. Additionally, we have provided you with a basic outline of the "Sermon Notes" to guide your attention and participation with the Pastor as he works through the message. Furthermore, a set of lyric sheets have been added following the "Prepare for Worship" for your convenience as you join in worship through song on Sunday morning.

A Sermon Discussion Guide and a Daily Worship Guide are provided for individual or household worship through the week. The focus of Monday is an opportunity to look back at the Scripture preached on Sunday. Tuesday brings in a related New Testament scriptural focus. Each Wednesday we will read an Old Testament passage that connects to what is being communicated through our sermon Scripture. Thursday's focus is observing a Psalm that relates to this passage and our immediate context. Fridays begin looking forward to the coming Sunday as we observe the Scripture passage for the coming Corporate Worship gathering.

It is recommended that you use this set of tools alongside your Bible with a way to record any notes, insights, or questions (i.e. in a journal, word doc, etc.) you may have while you study.

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# PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Last Sunday, Pastor Ken preached Part 2 of “Don’t Fumble the Handoff” from 2 Timothy 2:3-8. We were encouraged with the truth that God’s grace strengthens us to endure for the sake of the gospel.

**Read: Genesis 1:1-25**

This Sunday, we will turn our attention to the book of Genesis as Pastor Ken begins a new series in Genesis 1-11 called “Beginnings.” We will consider Genesis 1:1-25, where God, by his eternal power, wisdom, and goodness, created everything out of nothing. As you prepare for our corporate gathering, let this devotional from John Piper be a powerful reminder that the very God who formed the universe (and even you) out of nothing is for you.

**Reflect: “When the Potter Is for Us”**

*“Woe to him who strives with him who formed him, a pot among earthen pots! Does the clay say to him who forms it, ‘What are you making?’ or ‘Your work has no handles’? (Isaiah 45:9)*

The majesty of God is magnified when we see him through the lens of creation *ex nihilo* (out of nothing). He commands nothingness, and it obeys and becomes something.

Out of nothing he makes the clay, and out of the clay he makes us — the pottery of the Lord (Isaiah 45:9) — his possession, destined for his glory, in total dependence on him.

“Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and *we are his*; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture” (Psalm 100:3). It is a humbling thing to be a sheep and a pot that belong to somebody else.

This morning I was reading in Isaiah and found another statement about God’s majesty. When I put it together with God’s absolute power and rights as Creator, there was a combustion that went off in my heart. *Boom!*

# PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Isaiah 33:21 says, “The Lord in majesty will be for us!”

For us! For us! The Creator is *for us* and not against us. With all the power in the universe and with absolute right to do as he pleases with what he made — he is *for us!*

“No eye has seen a God besides you, who acts *for* those who wait for him” (Isaiah 64:4). “If God is *for us*, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31).

Can you think of anything (I mean anything) that is more comforting and assuring and delighting than that the Lord in *his majesty* is *for you*?

“When the Potter Is for Us,” March 12 Devotional by John Piper, [desiringgod.org](http://desiringgod.org)

## Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. “Praise to the Lord the Almighty (Joyful, Joyful),” Arr. Shane & Shane
2. “Give to Our God Immortal Praise,” by Isaac Watts (Arr. Sovereign Grace)
3. “How Great Thou Art,” Arr. Shane & Shane

# SONG LYRICS

"PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY (JOYFUL, JOYFUL)"

Catherine Winkworth | Joachim Neander

## Verse 1

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation  
O my soul praise Him for He is your health and salvation  
Come all you hear now to His temple draw near  
Join me in glad adoration

## Verse 2

Praise to the Lord above all things so wondrously reigning  
Shelt'ring you under His wings and so gently sustaining  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining

## Verse 3

Praise to the Lord Who will prosper your work and defend you  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriends you

## Chorus

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Op'ning to the sun above

## Verse 4

Praise to the Lord oh let all that is in me adore Him  
All that has life and breath come now with praises before Him  
Let the amen sound from His people again  
Gladly forever adore Him

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# SONG LYRICS

## "GIVE TO OUR GOD IMMORTAL PRAISE" Issac Watts

### Verse 1

Give to our God immortal praise  
Mercy and truth are all His ways  
Wonders of grace to God belong  
Repeat His mercies in your song

### Verse 2

He built the earth He spread the sky  
And fixed the starry lights on high  
Wonders of grace to God belong  
Repeat His mercies in your song

### Verse 3

He fills the sun with morning light  
He bids the moon direct the night  
His mercies ever shall endure  
When suns and moons shall shine no more

### Verse 4

He sent His Son with pow'r to save  
From guilt and darkness and the grave  
Wonders of grace to God belong  
Repeat His mercies in your song

### Verse 5

Through this vain world He guides our feet  
And leads us to His heav'nly seat  
His mercies ever shall endure  
When this our world shall be no more

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# SONG LYRICS

## "HOW GREAT THOU ART" Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

### Verse 1

O Lord my God  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds  
Thy hands have made  
I see the stars  
I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy pow'r thru'out  
The universe displayed

### Chorus

Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art

### Verse 2

And when I think  
That God His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die  
I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross  
My burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died  
To take away my sin

### Verse 3

When Christ shall come  
With shout of acclamation  
And take me home  
What joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow  
In humble adoration  
And there proclaim  
My God how great Thou art

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# SERMON NOTES

## AND GOD SAID

Genesis 1:1-25

**Big Idea:** In the beginning God by His eternal power, wisdom, and goodness created everything out of nothing.

### I. God is eternal (1:1a)

1 In the beginning, God . . .

- When there was nothing else there was God.

**Psalm 90:1-2**

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

- God does not have a beginning or end.

**Hebrews 1:10-12**

10 And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; 11 they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, 12 like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end."

- God eternally exists in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**John 1:1-3**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

- Because God is eternal, it means He is self-existent, self-sufficient, and sovereign.
  - God is self-existent; He owes His existence to no one.
  - God is self-sufficient; He is not dependent on anyone or anything.

**Acts 17:24-25**

24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

# SERMON NOTES

## AND GOD SAID

Genesis 1:1-25

- God is sovereign; He has absolute rule over creation and is in total control.

**Romans 11:36**

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

### II. God is powerful (1:1b)

God created the heavens and the earth.

- When God created the heavens and the earth, it was an instantaneous divine action where God created something out of nothing effortlessly.

**Psalms 33:6-9**

6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

7 He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm..

**Psalms 148:5**

Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.

**Hebrews 11:3**

3B By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

### III. God is wise and good (1:2-25)

A. He formed the heavens and the earth (vv. 2-13).

1. Day one: God created light and separated it from darkness (vv. 2-5).

2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.

And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

# SERMON NOTES

## AND GOD SAID

Genesis 1:1-25

2. Day two: God formed the sky (vv. 6-8).

6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. 8 And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

3. Day three: God formed the dry land and all its vegetation (vv. 9-13).

9 And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

B. He filled the heavens and the earth with inhabitants (vv. 14-25).

1. Day four: God created the sun, moon, and stars and place them in the expanse. (vv. 14-19).

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

# SERMON NOTES

## AND GOD SAID

Genesis 1:1-25

2. Day five: God filled the waters with fish and sea creatures, and the sky with birds (vv. 20-22).

20 And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." 21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

3. Day six: God filled the land with mammals, reptiles, and finally, with man. (vv. 24-25).

24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. 25 And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.



# Sermon Notes



What book of the Bible are we learning from?



Who's preaching this morning?

What is the big idea of the sermon?

Write down two things that stand out to you from today's sermon.

Did you learn anything new about God, people, or salvation?

**Sermon  
doodles**

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## OBJECTIVES

Reflect on God's identity as creator of all things which serves as the foundation for a biblical worldview.

## DISCUSS

- What is a worldview? How does a person's worldview impact his/her daily life? [Worldview is one's basic understanding of reality and one's place in it. A person's worldview is revealed in how they answer origin (where we came from), meaning (what is the meaning of life?), morality (what is right and wrong?), and destiny (what happens after we die?)]
- Everybody holds and lives out their worldview, which begins with an explanation of where all things came from. *How are our beliefs each impacted by our understanding of the beginning?*
- Read (Genesis 1:1-25). What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- Repeated words or phrases indicate their importance. What did Moses repeat in this passage? What is each phrase's significance—what is God telling us about himself?
  - "And God said," (1:3, 6, 9, 11, 20, 24, 26)
  - "Let there be \_\_\_\_\_ " (1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 26)
  - And God said what he created "was good." (1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31 "very good")
  - "separated" (1:4, 6, 7, 14, 18)
  - "called" (1:5, 8, 10)
  - "And it was so." (1:7, 9, 11, 15, 21, 24, 30)
  - "And there was evening, and there was morning, the \_\_\_\_\_ day" (1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31)
- How does creation display the order and power of God, and how does this make you feel? [comfort knowing my God is in charge; small - he is infinitely greater than we are; dependent; unworthy to know God and be known personally by him, etc...]
- What does this chapter show me about God for which I should praise or thank him?
- How should the reality of God's existence impact our lives today? If He alone is the eternal, sovereign God, working to bring about His will and plan, how do our lives and our plans relate to His?

# DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

## For Individual or Household Worship

### MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020

#### GOD IS ETERNAL

Within the very first sentence of the Bible we see the absolute beginning of time and space. Yet, within that same sentence, God reveals a very important truth about Himself--*He has no beginning*. Unlike the stars or moon, the mountains high or oceans deep, God is eternal. Even more, God has forever been self-existent (nothing created God) and self-sufficient (nothing is needed to sustain or complete God). When we think about our own place in the story of creation, we realize God didn't *need* to create this universe or any of its inhabitants. Yet in doing so, He offers the first (but certainly not the last) instance of His unmerited grace by welcoming us into his reality.

#### READ: Genesis 1:1-25

- The phrase "and God said" is repeated several times in this passage. How does God's Word play a part in Creation?
- After reading this passage, what are the ways in which God is like us? How is He different?
- This passage highlights the power and authority of God. How do you feel knowing the Creator of the universe knows you by name?

#### PRAY

- Praise God as the Almighty Creator and supreme and righteous King over all.
- Confess any ways in which you may be questioning His authority in your life.
- Thank God for creating this world to be a place to enjoy Him.

#### SING: "How Great Thou Art," by Shane and Shane

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5-8-cjAuTQ>)

# DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020

### THE WORD BECAME FLESH

The gospel of John begins with a remarkable revelation: the eternal word of God became a man and dwelt among his creation. He is no mere man, but fully God and fully human. This God-man is the savior Jesus Christ, the son of God, in whom is light and life. What amazing truths that John wants us to meditate upon as we consider creation and the God who made it all for his glory.

### READ: John 1:1-3

- What similarities do you see in this passage and in Genesis 1:1-25?
- How does this passage help us even better understand the creation account in Genesis 1:1-25?
- What does this passage tell us about who Jesus is?

### PRAY

- Praise God for his creative power in making everything. Praise Jesus for coming into the world he made to save us.
- Pray that God would be glorified in all creation as he intended. Pray for opportunities and boldness to tell others of their Creator and the hope of the gospel.

### SING: "The Veil Was Torn" by Crosspoint Music

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKH76nG1Ar8>)



# DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020

### DO YOU NOT KNOW?

The book of Isaiah is God's vision to the prophet Isaiah concerning his people (i.e., the nation of Judah). Throughout the book, Isaiah emphasizes the need for Judah to repent of their sin and rebellion against God. Isaiah also emphasizes that if Judah will repent and fully rely on God's greatness, they will be forgiven and enjoy God's comfort.

### READ: Isaiah 40:21-31

- What similes do you see in verses 22-24? What do these tell us about God? What do these tell us about humans?
- Verse 25 says, "To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One". In what ways is God's character/attributes incomparable?
- God is everlasting, all-powerful, and all-knowing. How does this give you hope as you realize your own human limitations?

### PRAY

- Acknowledge the greatness of God and pray in awe as you recall God's attributes.
- Admit any sin or rebellion against God and trust in His ability and power to forgive you.

SING: "Everlasting God," by Lincoln Brewster

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cJ8zXzZp4Jk>)

# DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020

### GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

This Psalm, written by David, beautifully emphasizes God as our supreme creator, whose glory is put on display through the wondrous things he has created. He is a good God and his law is perfect. As you read this Psalm, let your heart worship the creator who lovingly sent Jesus to satisfy the just requirements of the law.

### READ: Psalm 19

- What evidence of God's glory do you see in creation?
- What attributes of God can you identify as you read through vs. 1-6?
- Why should vs. 7-13 cause us to rejoice in the finished work of Christ (Matthew 5:17-20, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21)?

### PRAY

- Worship and Rejoice! Worship God whose glory is put on display throughout the earth. Rejoice in Jesus who took on our sin so that through his death and resurrection we can be given His righteousness

SING: "This is my Father's World," by Fernando Ortega  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=byIpfEVxhs4>)

# DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2020

### IN HIS IMAGE

Who are you? What are you? While this world has lots of ideas in answer to these important questions, God tells us in His Word that all persons are special and have value because we are made in the image of God.

READ: Genesis 1:26-27, 2:7

- What words or phrases are repeated in these verses?
- Describe how God's creation of mankind is different than how he created all the other living beings?
- According to these verses, what responsibility does mankind have on the earth?
- How have we done in our responsibility to rule the earth under God's Word as His image bearers?
- Read 2 Cor 4:4. What help and hope do we have to fulfill our calling as image bearers?

### PRAY

- Praise God the creator who has created you in His image to serve Him on the earth.
- Confess how you have not obeyed your calling as image bearer.
- Thank God for sending Jesus to enable us to fulfill His calling on our lives.

SING: "Shine Into Our Night," by Sovereign

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwnsOqZK2ko>)