Whose and Who We Are

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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

Read Genesis 1

- 1. What does this opening chapter of Genesis make you think of? Why?
- 2. How do you think this creation narrative would have differed from those of the surrounding pagan nations?
- 3. What does this narrative tell us about God and how he moves?
- 4. What patterns and repetitions are there in this passage? Why are they important? What do they teach us?
- 5. How might this passage be formative in the life of the people of Israel? What might it tell them?
- 6. Why would this be important? What would be lost without it?
- 7. How does this creation story inform our mission to the world? What is its connection with the Missio Dei?
- 8. What is humanity's place in this story of creation? What does this tell us about ourselves?
- 9. What does the manner of creation tell us about the nature and character of God? Why is this story important for how we see God?
- 10. How is this narrative important for the church? What role does it play in Global Mission?

Prayer points:

- Pray for the plight of refugees, the homeless, and the displaced around the world.
- Pray for the two families from Afghanistan here.
- Pray for those affected by violence and conflict and climate change around the globe.