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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 and 2

1. What is the relationship between God the Creator and his creation?
2. Why is the distinction between the creator and creation an important one to maintain? What happens if we don't?
3. What is the relationship between humanity and the rest of creation?
4. What does God expect of us? How does he want us to act with regards to his creation?
5. In what ways have we failed in our role as stewards of creation? What can we do to rectify this?
6. What does it mean to talk of God 'in creation'?
7. In what ways has the spread of various brands of Christianity been detrimental to indigenous peoples and their cultures?
8. What has this been like in New Zealand?
9. In what ways might the cultures of indigenous people help be a corrective to this type of Eurocentricity?
10. How is your life one of care for God's creation? How are you helping both people and places to flourish and grow?
11. What does it mean to say that God holds all of creation together? What is our role in this?

Prayer points:

- Pray for those who have been affected by adverse weather this week, both here and around the world.
- Continue to pray for the people of Afghanistan and Pakistan after the devastating earthquake last week, and also for the people of Sri Lanka.
- Pray for the ill and vulnerable in our communities.
- Pray for those affected by violence and conflict around the globe.