



## TALK IT OVER

9/12/2021

**Message Series:** The Jesus Story

**Week # 1**

**Message:** 1X1X1=1

**Communicator:** Pastor Kevin Geer

**Big Idea:** It is more about the “who” than the “what” of creation.

**Central Text/s:** Genesis 1

**Wins and Words of the Week:** Take time to share **WINS**, (what God did) and **WORD**, (what God shared with you from His word) that moved you and others forward and closer to Jesus.

**Ice Breaker:** If you had the ability to create a living thing, what would you create and why?

**Questions to Consider:** Choose questions that will work best for your group. Don't feel you need to “get through” all the questions like a grocery list. Feel free to add to or ask a question in a different way than is written. Trust God for the robust discussion and fruit.

1. Read John 1:1. Describe your beginning, your origin. Where were you born and where did you grow up?
2. Genesis is not a book on *HOW* God created the heavens and the earth, it is a book on *WHO* created the heavens and the earth. Discuss with your group why it is important to understand the differences between these two words.
3. Creation started with God...explain how your daily life starts with God.
4. Read Genesis 1:3-2:1-3. What is your favorite day of creation and why? You can only pick one!
5. “How” the earth was created is defined differently by different Theologians. Some say the earth is “young” (6,000-15,000 years old), some say it is “old” (billions of years old) and some believe the earth is a combination of both. What do you think?
6. Living in Montana is no doubt “living in paradise”! It is easy to focus on the beauty and all of God's creations. Do you think it is equally or more important to focus on the creator instead? Explain.

### **Digging Deeper:**

7. Read Psalm 19:1; 95:4-5. What helps you declare the glory of God? Mountains, lakes, oceans, flowers, music, food, other?
8. What is the difference between a person who acts like “creation” and one who acts like a “creator”?
9. Read Colossians 1:15-17. What are some of the characteristics of Jesus in this text? What encouragement or faith builders do you find in these verses?
10. Read John 1:1 and Matthew 3:13-17. How does these passages relate to the Trinity, (God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit)?



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11. As a group take time to thank God for his creation. Take it a step further and thank him for the people in your group who are also part of his creation.

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### **Group Prayer Options:**

- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
- Ask if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right, *it can be out loud or in silence***, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- **Have someone in your group keep a list of both requests and answers then celebrate the answers.**

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