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# Discovering God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

**STUDY GUIDE**

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## How to use this Guide

**This Leader's Guide is meant to be a tool, a resource to help unpack the Old Testament with your group. The guide is broken into three sessions: Open, Read and Watch, and Discuss. Open your group with prayer and community fellowship, then watch the video and read the texts, and then discuss. The guide is not just something to simply go through or "get done" each session. It doesn't contain all the answers to every part of the Old Testament. Rather, it's meant to be a springboard for conversation and discipleship within your group. We hope and pray that this series will be fruitful for you and your group as you continue to grow in Christ. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Josh at [jgores@riverlawn.org](mailto:jgores@riverlawn.org).**

# Session 2

## Open:

1. How will you spend your time this week for Jesus' purposes (in your career, in your relationships, in your church, in your community?)
2. What has your time in the Word and prayer looked like this week? What are some of the things that God is teaching you through His Word? How is He challenging you to growth in your time with Him?

# Session 2

## Read and Watch:

3. "Things that look dark and desolate and death are no hindrances or obstacles at all for His Spirit to come and bring life and goodness." What are your thoughts on that quote? How does this quote make you think about God? How does a quote like this invoke worship and praise?

4. Read Genesis 1:1-27.

*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 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.*

*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.*

*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.*

# Session 2

## Read and Watch:

### 4. Read Genesis 1:1-27. (continued)

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

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## Read and Watch:

### 4. Read Genesis 1:1-27. (continued)

*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.*

*26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*

*27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

**What are the things that God calls "good"? What are the things that God says are "very good"?**

**What stands out to you regarding the Creation story?**

# Session 2

## Discuss:

5. What is so significant about the sixth day?  
What responsibilities do we have as image bearers.

6. Read Genesis 1:28.

*28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

7. What is the connection that Nasser makes between the Great Commission and this passage?

8. Close tonight in praise of the One who chases the darkness, who brings life from death, and who saved you from your sins. Praise the One who created you in His image and now equips you to be fruitful in His Kingdom.