

## The Book of Genesis

The next thirteen weeks will provide us with an opportunity to dig into the stories that make up the beginning of God's great story. Genesis lays the groundwork for all that is to come in His sovereign work in history, which culminates in the death, resurrection, ascension, and second coming of Christ. I hope that at the end of this quarter we will have gained a better understanding of: 1) What Genesis reveals about the nature and character of God, 2) God's sovereign, covenantal plan, worked out through (not in spite of) sinful men, and 3) Some of the difficult and often confusing passages that fill the early pages of Scripture.

### June 3 - Introduction and Genesis 1

Elohim as Creator: thinking more carefully about Genesis 1 and what it tells us about the God of Israel as Creator.

### June 10 - Genesis 2

The Creation of Man and God's covenant with Adam: The nature and purpose of humanity; God's grace in covenanting with His people.

### June 17 - Genesis 3-6

The Fall and Sin: Adam & Eve, Cain & Abel, The sons of God, and the wickedness of men.

### June 24 - Genesis 6-11

Noah, God's Grace, and Genesis 1-3 revisited: God's wrath and mercy meet in Noah; Re-Creation.

### July 1 - Genesis 12, 15, & 17

God's Covenant with Abraham and His chosen people: God begins His work of calling His people, entering into covenant with them, and ensuring their salvation.

### July 8 - Genesis 13-22

Abraham's tests of faith, passed and failed: Abraham and Lot, Abraham's "sister", Abraham's offspring, and the call to sacrifice Isaac.

### July 15 - Genesis 18-19

Abraham as intercessor, God as Judge: Abraham's role in saving Lot, the righteous (?) man, from God's just punishment of Sodom & Gomorrah.

### July 22 - Genesis 24-26

God's faithfulness to Isaac: Abraham's servant finds Rebekah, Isaac follows in his father's footsteps, and has two sons, Jacob and Esau.

### July 29 - Genesis 27-33:

Jacob: Deceit and struggle results in his becoming...the father of God's people (!)

### August 5 - Genesis 34, 37, & 38

The sons of Jacob, the patriarchs of the 12 tribes: A resume that includes Dinah, Tamar, and Joseph.

### August 12 - Genesis 39-41

Joseph in Egypt: A man of integrity humbly trusts God through trial and is blessed for his faithfulness.

### August 19 - Genesis 42-47

Joseph and his brothers reconciled: Forgiveness; and God's people saved in Egypt.

### August 26 - Genesis 48-50 & Wrap up

God's sovereign working of all things to save many people alive.