WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Creation Message Series Week 1 Genesis 1-3

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Genesis 1-3 is...

1. A <u>framework</u> for the <u>truth</u> about God and His creation.

"The drama of redemption begins 'in the beginning.' Genesis is more concerned with God the Creator than with the time or details of Creation. He is sovereign King whose kingdom was orderly and good, but which is in need of redemption because of the tragedy of human sin."

The Gospel Transformation Bible, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2013, p. 3.

2. <u>Insight</u> into the way things were <u>supposed</u> to be.

3. The <u>beginning</u> of God's story.

"The book of Genesis is indeed a book of beginnings. In its first part (1:1-11:27), we learn about the start of the cosmos and the creation of the first humans who received the blessing of life from God. We also read about the introduction of sin and death, which led to the forfeit of that original blessing as Adam and Eve were ejected from Eden. At the same time, we hear about the beginning of the history of redemption as God seeks to restore His blessing on His beloved, yet rebellious, creatures."

Tremper Longman III, *The Story of God Bible Commentary: Genesis,* Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI, 2016, p. 567.