

Sermon Discussion Guide
100 Day Challenge: The Backstory
Week 1 – Creation and the Fall
Genesis 1:26-30, 3:1-7; 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 | January 3, 2020

Big Idea

The fully divine Jesus was a part of creation and was the *new kind of human* needed for reconciliation.

Opening Questions

How are you feeling about 2021? Do you have any goals for this year? What are you looking forward to?

Key Scripture Questions

1. Read **Genesis 1:1**. During the sermon, it was said this might be the most controversial sentence ever written. Why have so many people rejected the truth of this verse? Why is it so important to us?
2. Read **Genesis 1:26**. The pronouns for God here are “us” and “our.” The first evidence of Jesus is already seen here as part of the Trinity. What are the implications of Jesus being present at creation? Why is Jesus’ divinity a crucial part of his backstory?
3. Verse 26 also shows us we are all made in the *Imago Dei*, or the *image of God*. How does it make you feel about yourself to know you are an image-bearer of God? How does it make you feel about others?
4. Read **Genesis 2:15**. God created us with a need to contribute. What do you do for work (paid or volunteer)? How does that work contribute to God’s plan? Are you looking for other opportunities?
5. Read **Genesis 3:21**. God showed Adam and Eve grace by clothing them. How has God extended grace to you when you’ve fallen into sin?

Concluding Questions

Read **2 Corinthians 5:17-18**. It was said in the sermon that Jesus was the new kind of human we needed. When we accept him, we become a new creation as well. What differences have you seen in your life as a new creation compared to the old? If you’ve not yet made a commitment to Christ, now would be a great time to talk about that with your group!

Application Questions

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Beyond prayer for each other, is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

Prayer Time

“Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the blessing of creation and the gift of Your son who reconciled your creation with You. Amen.”