

# York St Small Groups

## Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 3rd April 2022

Easter Series  
Genesis 1: 1-31



**These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.**



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## **GETTING STARTED**

**Q1. Beginnings are important!** In Genesis we read about the beginning of life on earth and how life began. Who is sole creator of everything? What was the condition of the earth in the beginning? What did God create or do in each of the creative days?

**Q2.** By what means did God create light, the firmament, the earth, vegetation, the sun, moon and stars, and the animals?

**Q3.** Over what things did God tell man to have dominion?

**Q4.** How did God describe His creation when He saw everything that He had made? What does this tell us about the power of God's word?

### **INTO THE WORD**

**Read Genesis 1: 1-31**

**Q4.** In Genesis God gives us answers to the big life questions about meaning and purpose. It may not give us all the answers we really want, but it starts us on a journey to find the answers we really need. It also does not stand alone, but is the beginning of a long story that ultimately finds its meaning and purpose in Jesus Christ. Have you ever asked the question Why? Why you exist, why we are here, what is your purpose in life?

**Q5.** What does it mean to be created in the “image of God”? What does this look like? How can we ensure our lives reflect the Image of God?

**Q6.** If we viewed all people as bearing the image of God, with inherent dignity given to them by their creator Jesus Christ, how should it affect the way we think and treat others? What about that person who mistreated you?

**Q7.** Genesis 1 is written in a unique style to make its point clearly. What is the main message the writer is trying to convey? Now how can you turn your answers into a statement that you could share with a friend who was asking about the meaning and purpose of life?

## **GOING DEEPER**

**Q8.** By the time we get to Genesis 3 we read that humanity rejects God's rule (Gen 3:6-7) in favour of their own rule. We have been doing this ever since when we chose our own way instead of God's way. Can you think of a way to help us choose God's way on a daily basis instead of our own?

**Q9.** If you were created for a purpose, a relationship, and a plan. How can you live in the knowledge that the creator of the universe invites you to be a part of the 'One Story' that matters the most?

### **Pray**

Loving Creator, thank you for creating us in your image, for giving us the freedom to choose, help us to choose you each day and to live in a way that fits your design for each day and for eternity, in your name we pray. Amen.