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Where on Earth are we?

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was created at God's command so that what is seen wasn't made out of what is visible.

"Genesis stands at the beginning because creation is such a fundamental theological foundation for the rest of the Bible. God's continuing blessing and ordering work at every level is creational. Moreover, only in relationship to the creation can God's subsequent actions in and through Israel be properly understood. The placement of creation demonstrates that God's purposes with Israel are universal in scope. God's work in redemption serves creation, the *entire* creation, since it reclaims a creation that labors under the deep and pervasive effects of sin."

Terence Fretheim, *New Interpreter's Bible*

Five Key Stories in Genesis 1-11:

Creation (Genesis 1-2)

The Fall (Genesis 3)

The Flood (Genesis 6-9)

The Tower (Genesis 11)

The Friend (*Abraham*) (Genesis 12)

Six observations from four stories:

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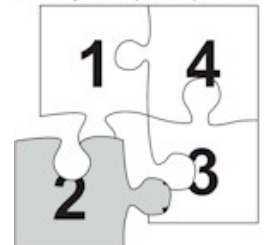
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Weekly Discipleship Track



1. Life reflection – need for change, hunger for God
2. Presentation of truth – teaching and studying
3. Processing the truth – reflection and debrief in community
4. Life change – response to truth, new habits and actions