



THE BIBLE  
-SAYS-

## Week One | In the Beginning | 08.29-30.2020

**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

**Message Recap:** What was once so simple when we were children became a lot more complicated as we grew up. Perhaps that's because we were taught Bible stories but not the story of the Bible. Let's explore God's story together and learn how we can dig into it for ourselves.

### » Opening

(2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
  - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
  - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
  - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

### » Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: Check-in! What was a high and a low from your week?
- Digging Deeper: Share a time when someone used "the Bible says," in a way that was not helpful or not true. How did that feel?

### » Observation | Read Genesis 1-3

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

### » Key Principle | When the story of the Bible makes sense, the stories of the Bible do too.

(12 minutes)

- Describe the Bible in one word and explain why you chose that word. How has that word changed over the years?

### » The Universe was Created | Reference Genesis 1

(12 minutes)

- What is the most difficult thing about the Creation story for you to believe?

### » We Were Designed | Reference Genesis 2

(12 minutes)

- Genesis describes our existence as created by God on purpose and for a purpose - is that hard to believe for you? Why or why not?
- Humanity is different from the rest of the creation God makes, what makes us different?

### » We Are Guilty | Reference Genesis 3

(12 minutes)

- How does the understanding of sin entering the world change how you see the rest of the Bible?

### » Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- How does God's design of us change our relationship with Him?
- Encourage each other to read through the first three chapters of Genesis again, slowly, and notice the character traits of God.
- Close by praying for each other to spend some time with God this week without distractions or an agenda - just talking and listening.