

BEGINNINGS: PURSUING A RELATIONSHIP

GENESIS 1-11

PURSUING DIALOGUE

Fostering interaction
and initiating
conversation

1. How do you see God pursuing relationships with His people in this section of scripture?
2. What characteristics of God do you see in these chapters that give you hope and courage?
3. Where do you see hints and promises of Jesus in these chapters?

PURSUING DISCOVERY

Understanding
God's Word and
its place within His
redemptive story

Read [this article](#) with your Life Group and answer the following:

1. A key theme in Genesis 1-11 is that God created humans in His image and likeness. How do you see His divine image reflected in humanity? What examples of this can be found in this section of Scripture?
2. Why is it significant that God created humans in His image and likeness? How is the image of God either revealed or distorted in this section of Scripture?
3. Describe the world that God intended, and how it looked like after sin entered. How does sin impact our world today?
4. Time and again people choose their own definitions of right and wrong, as opposed to trusting in God's leading. Where do you see people choosing their own sense of right and wrong instead of trusting God in this section of Scripture?
5. What does it mean for God to pursue us? Find an example in Genesis 1-11 that shows God's pursuit. How do people respond to God's pursuit in these chapters?

PURSUING DEPTH

Reflecting on the
Word and Character
of God in pursuing
heart transformation

1. In what ways do you relate to humanity's struggles with rebellion and sin?
2. In what areas of your life have you chosen your own sense of right and wrong? What results have come out of that decision?
3. Since our last meeting, what has tempted you to pull away from God? How have you noticed God pursuing you and drawing you back into a relationship with Him despite this?
4. Do you see yourself as being created in the image of God today? If not, what is stopping you from seeing yourself as being created in His image?
5. When you've observed moments of judgment or discipline in these chapters, how do you see God's mercy and grace showing up? What are other characteristics of God that you see that give you encouragement and hope?

PURSUING DISCIPLESHIP

Applying heart
change to family,
community and
our lives

1. Take a moment to reflect: in what areas in your life are you striving for control. Are you willing to surrender these areas to God?
2. If so, share with your group where you are open to surrendering control to God. How can your group encourage and remind you of God's truth in this area?
3. In what ways does being created in the image of God influence how you live your life? How can your group support you in fully embracing and reflecting this identity? (refer to article)
4. What are some ways that you and your group can express your inherited image of God to those around you this week?
5. How can understanding God's desire for a relationship with us, even in our sinfulness, deepen your connection with Him this week?
6. Divide the group up into pairs and pray for one another around one area of your life that you sense is withdrawing you from God's pursuit of a deeper relationship with you. What is **one step** that you can hold each other accountable for at your next meeting?