

THE BIG STORY OF GOD

Act 1: A Good Creation



Over the next 6 weeks, The Big Story of God is going to help us see the unifying story of Scripture that leads to God's plan for salvation in Jesus Christ. Over these six weeks we would like to encourage you as a group to try the Discovery Bible Method, using the bible passage from Sundays teaching.

Reading - Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

²⁹ Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Discovery Bible Method

Discovery Bible Method (DBM) allows participants to discover God's truth for themselves, rather than relying on a leader. As the leader, you are there to empower them and to pray, not to have all the answers. The DBM method is as simple as A-B-C

Ask

Ask each person how they went with the previous week's commitment.

"How did you go with _____?"

"Who did you tell?"

Bible

Have someone read the passage above aloud, then ask someone else to re-read the passage. Have the participants retell the story from memory. Spend some minutes silently reading the passage again. Silently pray for God to speak directly from the passage. Ask open-ended questions, such as:

"What do you see?"

"What does this say about God?"

"What does this say about us?"

"What is God saying to you?"

Let the participants do most of the talking and don't be afraid of silences.

If the session veers off course, you can ask,

"Where do you see that in the Bible?"

Commit

Let them suggest their own commitment to whatever God is saying to them.

Ask them:

"What are you going to do?"

"Who are you going to tell?"

Things to pray for:

Prayer points for church taken from our prayer diary;

- **Richard and Frances Jones** - For Richard's on-going issues with diabetes and Frances' visit to see the consultant at Kettering Hospital. For a successful move to our new church building in Spring. For travelling mercies (and good weather) for friends and family visiting this year.
- **Church on the Heath** - For new contacts made at the Christmas services to be built upon and new steps of faith made. For wisdom and understanding of God's plans as we continue to pursue the sale of our Baptist building. For God's compassion and healing for those who are suffering with ongoing painful conditions.
- **Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS)** - providing resources and training for churches and their leaders