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JOURNEY: Genesis 1-11

Key Word	Key Passage	Key Events	Key People
Creation	“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” (Genesis 1:27)	Creation (1-2) Fall (3-5) Flood (6-9) Tower of Babel (10-11)	Adam and Eve Cain and Abel Noah Japheth, Ham, Shem

1. The Biblical Account

- Read Genesis 1:1-5, 1:24-31

a. God has always existed (1:1)

b. God created all that exists out of His goodness

- Creation *ex nihilo*: from nothing (1:3)
- “it was very good” (1:31)

c. God created human beings in His image (1:26-28)

- The core of our identity
- God is our source of life (2:7)
- Characteristics of the “image of God”

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d. Humans have chosen to disregard God

- Original sin (chapters 3-4)
- Consequences of sin (chapters 6-9)

2. Alternative Views to Creationism

- a. Naturalistic Evolution

- b. Theistic Evolution

- c. Intelligent Design

3. For Discussion:

- a. God exists:
 - How do you respond to those who say that God is a creation of the human imagination?
 - Is God good? Can we know He is good?

- b. God created:
 - If we really believed that we are created by God, and that God is good, how would this affect the way we live?

- c. In his image:
 - Much of the world today affirms naturalistic evolution. What are the implications of this view for...
 - ... the meaning of our lives?
 - ... the morality by which we live?
 - ... the destiny of our lives?
 - How does our Christian faith differ from these views?

4. Prayer Guide

- As a group: Share what has stuck with you tonight. What would you like to stick with you in the week ahead? Spend some time praying for one another.

- This Week: Each day, complete the following sentence: "Lord, I am open to whatever you want to do in me today. Please help me to..."