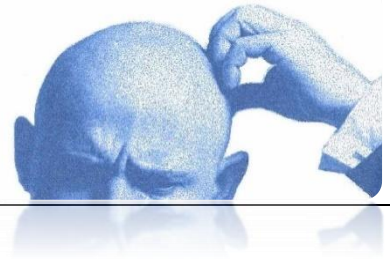


Where Do We Go From Here?

Small Group Questions



The following questions are intended to start conversations.

Use only the ones your group finds helpful. Explore others as they come up.

Our preaching series this fall will explore Genesis 1-11 (Origins). Questions will be provided each week to help you think about these stories *BEFORE* you listen to the sermon. It is our hope that this will encourage your own study and prepare you for the upcoming sermon.

- Review the stories of **Genesis 1-11**. Which story grabs your attention? Why?
- Consider the table below:

Creation (1)	↔	Noah's Ark (6-9a)
Adam & Eve (3)	↔	Noah's Curse (9b)
Cain & Abel (4)	↔	Tower of Babel (11a)
Genealogy (5)		Genealogy (11b)

- How do these stories inform each other? What does the author want us to notice?
- From the fall onward, people are often depicted as moving “eastward” (3:24, 4:16, 11:2). Why is this significant? How does this change with Abram?
- At this point of the story, is there any hope?
- Darrell Johnson (former Regent prof.) suggests that the stories in Genesis 1-11 repeat the same cycle: grace, rebellion, judgment, new grace. Do you agree? Where do you see God's grace? Take your time.
- What does that tell us about how God works in the world today?
- Read **Genesis 12:1-4**. What is God up to? How will this address the brokenness that is woven into the human story?
- How does the call of Abram point us toward the coming of Jesus?

In the coming week you are invited to re-read Genesis 1-11.

- What stood out to you in this story?
- Was there anything confusing or troubling?
- Did anything make you think differently about God?
- How might this change the way we live?