The Genesis of Good News Why Are We Here? Group Leader Guide

RECAP

Pastor Keith's sermon explores the Genesis creation story, emphasizing God's purpose behind creation, the importance of community, and the divine love offered through Jesus. We are encouraged to embrace God's grace and our inherent worth.

GETTING STARTED

What cherished family tradition or memory reminds you of the importance of being 'with' rather than just 'like' someone? How does this relate to the relationship Pastor Keith describes between us and God?

LIVING OUT THE TRUTH

1. How do you understand the concept of 'good news' as presented at the beginning of the message?

2. Pastor Keith mentions that good news starts from the beginning in how we are made. How does this perspective affect your view of God's creation?

3. The concept of humans trying to 'become our own gods' is discussed. Can you share instances from your life where you experienced this struggle?

4. Pastor Keith talks about living our lives in a way that is good and pleasing to God. What are some practical ways you seek to do this in your daily life?

5. How does the idea of God's eternal love and community from the beginning shape your understanding of your purpose in life?

6. Pastor Keith emphasizes the importance of asking 'why' instead of 'how' regarding God's creation. How does this shift in focus change your approach to understanding Genesis chapter 1?

7. Reflect on the statement that both the Bible believer and the evolutionist are being asked to take a leap of faith. What are your thoughts on this comparison, and how does it impact your faith journey?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we come before You with grateful hearts. Thank You for creating us with purpose and for inviting us into Your divine community. We are in awe of Your love and the way You delight in us. As we leave this gathering, help us to carry the truth of Your Word in our hearts. May we walk in the fullness of Your purpose, always seeking to live in Your light and share Your good news with others. Strengthen us, Lord, and fill us with Your Spirit so that we may reflect Your love and grace in everything we do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.