

DISCUSSION GUIDE

sunday school module three

MODULE 3: CREATION:MADE

DISCOVER (PRE-WORK)

This month's Sunday School topic was creation. It covered important topics like creation ex nihilo, God's immanence, the inherent goodness of creation, and the centrality of God in the creation story. We also explored prominent creation theories and explanations of human origins. Join us for the next four weeks as we seek to apply these ideas to our lives in meaningful and practical ways.

NURTURE

- 1 The big idea of the creation account is that God is at the center of the story and the source of all life in the universe. How does this emphasis of God being at the center affect your reading of the first two chapters of Genesis?
- 2 We learned that God is not only at the center of the story but he is the source of all creation, including our lives and everything that sustains us. This is an easy idea to take for granted, but what response might it evoke in us if we consistently and deeply considered this truth? (ex. Thanksgiving, dependence, humility)
- 3 God did not simply create the world and then step back to allow it to function without him. God is uniquely involved with his creation, though he is separate from it. The word for this is "immanent" and it implies that God remains involved with creation in an ongoing way. What does this say about God's character and his desired relationship with his creation?
- 4 The Bible says that this world is "very good" and even though it is currently marred by sin, it remains, underneath it all, the very good work of God. Is this how you think about the world? If so, what are some implications so that? If not, how do you think about the world's goodness?
- 5 The unifying theme between all of the creation theories is that God made the world. This is the big idea of Genesis 1 and 2. Do you struggle with this idea? Have you grown up assuming God's sovereignty or a naturalistic worldview?

ACT

- 1 If God is at the center of The Story, how can you make him more at the center of your story?
- 2 In the rush of our everyday lives, its easy to forget that God is the source of our lives and everything in them. How might we remind ourselves of this truth on a daily basis?
- 3 Do you feel the immanent presence of God in your life? If so, how? If not, how could you cultivate that?
- 4 This week, work on recognizing the inherent goodness in God's creation and report back on what you saw.
- 5 Where do you see God in the world? Where do you see his authorship and sustaining power?